

Possessing the Promised Land
Joshua 1:1-11

Getting Started

- ❖ Share with one another an occasion in your life where you sensed God leading you to do something that was intimidating or risky.

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. God's plan is often intimidating. (vs.1-4)
2. God's promises are encouraging. (vss.5-9)
3. God's people must participate. (vss.10-11)

Takeaway Truth: God uses obedient people of courageous faith to build His Kingdom

Digging Deeper

- Are the promises and presence of God energizing you to take some spiritual _____ or are you missing out due to fear?
- ❖ Read Joshua 1:1-11 and answer the following:
 - What factors in their context would justify the Israelites being afraid or tentative?
 - What promises do you see God giving to Joshua and the Israelites?
 - Why would God give the guidance of meditating on His Word/Law when the issue for the Israelites is fear and timidity?
 - What is your favorite promise that God gives in this passage and why?
- ❖ With Joshua 1 in mind, read 2 Tim. 1:8-10.
 - How does a spirit of timidity and fear manifest itself in your life?
 - Who/What is/are the source(s) of fear and timidity in our lives?
 - How do "power, of love and of self-discipline" relate to taking on a spiritually risky and difficult task?
 - Ultimately, how is spiritual courage and obedience manifested in our lives?
- ❖ What are you involved in at the moment that you would categorize as spiritually risky and difficult for you?
- ❖ Is there something risky or difficult that God has been leading you to do that you have backed away from due to fear or uncertainty?
- ❖ As a group pray for one another to be spiritually strong and courageous.

Think About It!

Joshua was very highly favored in the matter of promises. The promises given him by God were broadly comprehensive and exceedingly encouraging. But Joshua was not therefore to say within himself, "These covenant engagements will surely be fulfilled, and I may

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therefore sit still and do nothing.” On the contrary, because God had decreed that the land should be conquered, Joshua was to be diligent to lead the people onward to battle. He was not to use the promise as a couch upon which his indolence might luxuriate, but as a girdle wherewith to gird up his loins for future activity... By the oath, by the promise, by the covenant, and by the blood which sealeth it, we are exhorted continually to be at work for Christ, since we are saved in order that we may serve him, in the power of the Holy Ghost, with heart, and soul, and strength. (Charles Spurgeon)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

January 3, 2021 | Second Sunday after Christmas

WORSHIP SONGS

FOUND IN YOU

Words and Music by Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Paul Baloche, 2013

We're reaching out to welcome You God.
Fill this place again with Your song.
Flood our thoughts with wonder and awe.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

*All we want and all we need is found in You, found in You.
Jesus, every victory is found in You, found in You.*

Open wide our hearts now to Yours.
Every fear bow down to Your love,
that we would see like never before.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

In your presence there is freedom.
In your presence we are made whole.

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan, 2018

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me. I was lost,
but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house is a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

*Words from Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787
Traditional American Melody*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am Your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

BUILD MY LIFE

Words and Music by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett, 2016

Worthy of every song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe,
we live for You.

Jesus the name above every other name.
Jesus the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.

*Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You.
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me
with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those around me.*

I will build my life upon Your love; it is a firm foundation.
I will put my trust in You alone, and I will not be shaken.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 111; Deut. 33:1-5; 1 John 2:12-17; John 6:41-47
MONDAY | Ps. 20; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 14:6-14
TUESDAY | Ps. 99; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 15:1-16
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 72; Isaiah 52:7-10; Rev. 21:22-27; Matt. 12:14-21
THURSDAY | Ps. 46; Isaiah 52:3-6; Revelation 2:1-7; John 2:1-11
FRIDAY | Ps. 27; Isaiah 59:15-21; Revelation 2:8-17; John 4:46-54
SATURDAY | Ps. 93; Isaiah 63:1-5; Revelation 2:18-29; John 5:1-15

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Gracious God,
you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ,
the first-born of all creation,
whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem.
Bless us with every spiritual blessing,
that we may live as your adopted children
and witness to your glory
with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.



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