

Joshua

Strong &

Courageous

Lesson Five

Joshua 10:1-14:15

Courage to Claim
God's Promises

Do not be frightened,
and do not be
dismayed, for the
LORD your God is
with you wherever
you go.

Joshua 1:9

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY

COLOSSIANS 3:16



"Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

Lesson Five Day One

Grace Group

Open with prayer then recite memory verse from the previous lesson.

Got Questions? If you have a question left unanswered or needing more clarification, this is a great time to make a note of it and share in the Q&R time following teaching.

Thinking Back...

DAY PAGES

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| 1... | Share something you learned, loved, or were encouraged by from the previous message and/or Grace Group time. |
| 2... | Share any of your notes, questions, or comments |

Share Your Responses...

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| 5... | #'s 1, 2, and 7 |
| 6... | #'s 3, 6, and 10 |
| 7... | #'s 7 and 8 |
| 8... | #'s 1 and 8 |
| 9... | #'s 1, 5, and 6 |
| 10... | Create & Share |

Up Next: Teaching

We believe God hears, sees, knows, and is ready to answer us and guide us when we pray.

Pray as you transition from Group to Teaching time for our fellowship to be God-honoring and focused on His word.



You are loved and prayed for!

Lesson Five Day One

Teaching Time



Watch/Listen to this message on the “Dwelling Richly” [podcast](#).
Notes/Handout for this message ChurchCenter group or
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Lesson Five Day One

My Heart to Yours...

I can't begin to tell you how much I love walking through the book of Joshua with you. Every time we turn the page, I see God's faithfulness unfold—not just in Israel's story, but in ours. And I pray that as we step into **Lesson Five**, you will **see yourself in this story**—not as an outsider looking in, but as someone God is calling to **live courageously, trust deeply, and step boldly** into His promises.

In our last lesson, "**Compromise, Consequences, and the God Who Redeems**," we wrestled with hard truths. We saw how **hidden sin led to devastating loss** at Ai and how deception by the Gibeonites bound Israel to an **unexpected alliance**. Yet, even in failure, we saw something breathtaking: **God's mercy was bigger than their mistakes**. He didn't abandon His people. He restored them. He repurposed what was broken. And if you're anything like me, that truth alone is enough to sit with for a long time.

But these next chapters? Oh my! It's about **victory**. It's about the courage to claim God's promises.

In **Lesson Five**, we step into **a season of battle, perseverance, and fulfillment**—a time when Israel moves forward in obedience and begins to see the land God promised finally within reach. But it wasn't easy. The enemies were stronger. The battles lasted longer. The giants of Canaan still stood tall.

Yet, **God fought for them**.

We'll see Him **stop the sun** to give Israel victory. We'll watch as He delivers kings into their hands, one after another, **proving that no enemy is too great when He is in the fight**. We'll meet Caleb, 85 years old, still full of fire, still declaring, "**Give me this mountain**" (**Josh. 14:12**)—a testimony that God is faithful **not just in the moment, but over a lifetime**.

This reminds me of the song "**Give Me This Mountain**" by Chuck Butler:

*"I'm holding on to every word you've spoken,
I've seen your hand, I know your heart is good.
You've been my strength and you have never failed me,
So I'm asking, Lord, give me this mountain."*

What about you?

- What battles are you facing that feel impossible?
- What promises of God feel distant, like they belong to someone else?
- What would change if you truly believed that **God fights for you**?

As we study, I pray that you will not just **learn these stories** but **live into them**. That your faith will be strengthened, your courage renewed, and your heart stirred to say, "**Lord, I trust You. Lead me forward.**"

You are not forgotten. You are not alone. **The same God who fought for Israel fights for you.**

With love and anticipation,

 **Jennifer**

Lesson Four Day Two

6. **Day Five Reading:** Joshua 10:29-43 - Southern Conquests Secured

7. **Day Six Reading:** Joshua 11:1-23 - Northern Kings Conquered

8. **Day Seven Reading:** Joshua 12:1-13:7 - The Land Divided

9. **Day Eight Reading:** Joshua 13:8-33 - Eastern Tribes Receive Inheritance

10. **Day Nine Reading:** Joshua 14:1-15 - Caleb's Bold Request

11. **Create & Share** – This is a good time to look ahead to Day Ten, “Create & Share.”

 | Prepare ahead of time and even do a little each day as time permits.

Lesson Five Day Three

Memorize & Meditate

🙏 Pray for your Grace Group

🔥 Memorize: _____

📖 Simply Read: Joshua 7:1-9

📄 Write the Word: Psalm 27:3-4

❤️ Community: Share a question you have so far.

🎵 Worship: _____

Lesson Five/Day Three – Joshua 10:1-15

💡 **Big Idea:** triumph comes not by human strength but by God's sovereign power. He fights for His people, fulfilling His promises and displaying His unstoppable might.

? **Ask as You Dwell:** How does God's power demonstrate His faithfulness?

📖 **Devotional:** Ex. 14:13-14, Deut. 3:22, Ps. 18:7-17, Isa. 30:30, Rom. 8:31

Dwelling in the Word...

1. **Remember & Relate** (Gen. 15:18-21, Gen. 17:6-8) How does the Abrahamic covenant shape our understanding of Israel's conquest? How does God's faithfulness to Abraham connect to Joshua 10?



2. **Mighty Men & Miscalculations** (10:1-2) Why did Adoni-Zedek, king of Jerusalem, fear Israel? How did he assess the situation differently than Rahab (Josh. 2:9-11) and the Gibeonites (Josh. 9:24-25)?



3. **Allies Against God.** (10:3-5) How did the five Amorite kings attempt to strengthen themselves? What does this reveal about human efforts apart from God?



4. **Covenant Keeping.** (10:6-7) What does Joshua's immediate response to Gibeon's plea for help show about his leadership and his view of God?



LEARNING HEBREW

שָׁלֵם

(sha-LEM) – Josh. 10:1 – Whole, complete, at peace; Root of “Jerusalem” (Yerushalayim), the city of Adoni-Zedek. Ironically, his opposition to Israel set his city against the very peace its name suggests.

גָּדוֹלִים

(g'do-LEEM) – Josh. 10:2 – Great, mighty, significant

חָזַק

(cha-ZAK) – Josh. 10:7 – To be strong, courageous, to seize or grasp

נָתַן

(na-TAN) – Josh. 10:8 – To give, deliver, hand over

בַּעַתְּ הַהִיא

(ba-et ha-hi) – Josh. 10:12 – At that time, in that moment
Marks a decisive, God-ordained event. emphasizing God's perfect timing in bringing victory.

Lesson Five Day Three

5. **God's Word, Our Strength** (10:8) How did God's promise in verse 8 reinforce what He had already told Joshua in Josh. 1:9? How do God's past promises shape your confidence in Him today?

6. **The Lord Fights for His People** (10:9-11) What supernatural elements do you see in Israel's victory? How does this reinforce the truth of Ex. 14:14?



7. **Sun Stands Still** (Josh. 10:12-14) Joshua prayed for the sun and moon to stop. Why was this request significant, and what does it teach us about bold faith?



The sun standing still is one of the most debated miracles in the Bible. What's the main message behind this event?

8. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 10:14) What does this passage reveal about God's response to those who trust Him? (Consider 2 Chron. 16:9.)

9. **A Day Like No Other.** Joshua 10:13b references the Book of Jashar* God listens to prayer making this a notably unique day? How does this challenge our understanding of God's involvement in human events and bold, faith-filled prayer?

*Read more about the Book of Jashar. www.jennifergrichmond.com/so-glad-you-asked

10. **Strong & Courageous:** Where in my life do I need to trust God to fight the battle instead of relying on my own strength?




Create & Share - what can you add to your map today?

Lesson Five Day Four


Memorize & Meditate

 Pray for your family

 Memorize: _____


 Simply Read: Joshua 10:16-28


 Write the Word: Psalm 27:5-6


 Community: Connect with the group today

 Worship _____


Lesson Five/Day Four – Joshua 10:16-28

 **Big Idea:** The Fate of the Faithless – The downfall of the five Amorite kings demonstrates God’s justice against those who oppose Him. Their defeat affirms that no ruler, no army, and no strategy can stand against the Lord’s sovereign will.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** What does this passage teach about God’s justice and the certainty of His promises?

 **Devotional:** Gen. 15:16, Deut. 7:24, Ps. 2:1-12, 110:1; Isa. 45:23, Phil. 2:9-11

Dwelling in the Word...

 **1. Remember & Relate** (Deut. 7:1-2, Gen. 15:16) How does the destruction of these kings connect to God’s long-standing judgment against the Canaanites? How does this reveal both God’s patience and His justice?

2. Hiding in the Darkness (Josh. 10:16-18) What does the kings’ retreat to the cave symbolize? How does this contrast with the boldness of Joshua’s faith?

3. Pressing Forward in Faith (Josh. 10:19-21) What does Joshua’s command to continue pursuing the enemy teach about partnering with God’s promises? How does this apply to spiritual battles today?

LEARNING HEBREW

בְּנֵי

(b’nei)

Plural construct form of בן (ben), meaning son or descendant.

יִשְׂרָאֵל

(Yis-ra-EL)

The name given to Jacob after wrestling with God (Gen. 32:28), meaning “he struggles with God” or “God prevails.”

רֶגֶל

(re-gel)

Josh. 10:24, foot, step kings are literally put underfoot, foreshadowing Psalm 110:1, where God’s enemies are made His footstool

Lesson Five Day Four

4. **A Footstool for the Righteous** (Josh. 10:22-25) Why did Joshua place his commanders' feet on the necks of the defeated kings? How does this foreshadow Psalm 110:1 and Philippians 2:9-11?



5. **The Justice of the Lord** (Josh. 10:26-27) How does Joshua's execution of the kings reflect divine justice rather than personal vengeance? What does this reveal about God's authority over life and death?

6. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 10:25) How does Joshua's encouragement to be strong and courageous connect to God's character? How does this strengthen your confidence in facing challenges?

7. **Covenant & Conquest** (Josh. 5:3-7, Josh. 10:19-25) The phrase "sons of Israel" (בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל) appears in Joshua only during two key moments—at their covenant renewal through circumcision (Josh. 5) and in their victory over the Amorite kings (Josh. 10). Why might the author use this phrase specifically in these two events? How do these moments connect covenant faithfulness with God's deliverance? What does this reveal about Israel's identity and purpose?






8. **Strong & Courageous** (Josh. 10:28) The city of Makkedah was devoted to destruction. How does this passage reinforce God's commitment to fulfilling His word? What does this mean for both His promises and His warnings?






Create & Share - what can you add to your map today?


Lesson Five Day Five


Memorize & Meditate

-  **Pray** to want what God wants
-  **Memorize:** _____
-  **Simply Read:** Joshua 10:29-43

-  **Write the Word:** Psalm 27:7-8
-  **Community** Encourage a Grace Group member
-  **Worship** _____

Lesson Five/Day Five – Joshua 10:29-43

 **Big Idea:** True rest is not just ceasing from battle but living in complete dependence on the One who fights for us.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** What is true rest worth to me? What am I willing to surrender—or embrace—to experience the lasting rest that only God provides?

Devotional: Gen. 2:2-3, Ex. 33:14, Deut. 12:10, Ps. 62:1-2, Matt. 11:28-30, Heb. 4:8-11

Dwelling in the Word...

1. **Remember & Relate** (Josh. 1:7-8, Deut. 28:1-7) God promised victory if Israel fully obeyed Him. How does Joshua's complete obedience in this campaign demonstrate the connection between faithfulness and experiencing God's promises?



2. **Pattern & Promise** (Josh. 10:29-43) Look for repeated phrases in this passage (there's at least 7!). What does this reveal about Israel's conquest and God's role in it?



3. **One Victory Leads to Another** (Josh. 10:29-33) How did Israel's victory over Lachish, Libnah, and Eglon demonstrate the momentum of obedience? How does following God fully lead to ongoing victory?



LEARNING HEBREW

לָכַד

(la-KAD) – Josh. 10:32 – To capture, seize, take possession; describes Joshua's conquest of each city, underscoring that Israel's victories were secured by God's hand, not human strength

מָכָה

(ma-KHAH) – Josh. 10:39 – To strike, smite, defeat; used for the defeat of enemy kings and cities, emphasizing God's decisive judgment on those who opposed His people.

כֹּל

(kol) – Josh. 10:40 – All, entirety, totality; appears repeatedly, emphasizing that Joshua left nothing undone—his obedience was absolute, just as God commanded

וְהָאָרֶץ שָׁקֵטָה







(v'ha-aretz sha-ke-TAH) – Josh. 10:40 – The land had rest; The verb שָׁקַט (sha-KAT) means to be still, quiet, at peace. This phrase signifies divinely granted peace—not just the absence of war but a settled security from God. It appears only eight times in Scripture, each marking a moment when God grants rest to His people

Lesson Five Day Five


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4. **The Lord Fights for His People** (Josh. 10:34-37) What repeated patterns do you notice in Israel's conquests? How does this reinforce that victory was from God rather than human effort?
5. **Nothing Left Undone** (Josh. 10:38-39) Why is it significant that Joshua "left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded" (v. 40)? What does this reveal about my own need for obedience to God?
6. **The Land Had Rest** (Josh. 10:40-43) What does Israel's total conquest of the southern region teach us about perseverance and endurance in following God?
7. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 10:42) This verse states that "the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel." How does this truth shape my confidence in facing battles today?
8. **Finding Rest.** The phrase "the land had rest" (וְהָאֲרֶץ שָׁקְטָה) appears here for the first time in Scripture. It is used only seven more times, always in moments when God grants peace to His people. Why do you think this phrase is significant? How does recognizing repeated phrases like this help deepen your understanding of how God works throughout history? How does the land's rest reflect God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?
9. **Greater Rest to Come.** Joshua led Israel to temporary rest. What does Hebrews 4:8-11 tell us about rest? How does the temporary rest in Joshua point forward to the spiritual rest and eternal inheritance we have in Jesus? What does it mean to enter God's rest today?
10. **Strong & Courageous.** The Cost of True Rest (Josh. 10:40-43) We often long for rest—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Yet, true rest, the kind that comes from God, is more than a break from busyness—it requires trust, surrender, and obedience. Jesus invites us into this rest (Matt. 11:28-30), but receiving it comes with a cost. What is true rest worth to you today? What are you willing to let go of—or take hold of—to experience the rest that only God provides?


Lesson Five Day Six

Memorize & Meditate

-  **Pray** for your church
-  **Memorize:** _____
-  **Simply Read:** Joshua 11:1-23
-  **Write the Word:** Psalm 27:9-10
-  **Community:** Share an idea or insight
-  **Worship** _____

Lesson Five/Day Six – Joshua 11:1-23

 **Big Idea:** God's people, trusting in His promises, overcome overwhelming opposition. Victory is not about numbers or might but about obedience to God, who fulfills His word completely and faithfully.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** How does Joshua's obedience in battle reflect his trust in God's promises? How does this challenge me to trust God fully?

Devotional: Deut. 7:1-2, Ps. 20:7, Ps. 44:3, Rom. 2:4-5, Heb. 4:8-11

Dwelling in the Word...

1. **Remember & Relate.** (Deut. 9:1-5, Josh. 11:6) How does God's command to conquer Canaan connect to His covenant promises? Why is it important to recognize that Israel's victories were not by their own strength?



2. **A Great Enemy, A Greater God** (Josh. 11:1-5) How does Jabin's alliance compare to the previous battles Israel faced? How might Israel have felt seeing this massive coalition against them?

3. **24-Hour Victory.** Read Joshua. 11:6-9 along with Psalm 20:7, Deut. 17:1, then answer:

What were God's commands?

What was God's promise?

What does this reveal to you about God's greater plan for Israel? What does this teach you about how you trust God whether that trust seems natural or counter-intuitive?

LEARNING HEBREW

לָקַח

(la-KAD) - Josh. 11:12 - To capture, seize, take possession - Joshua took the land, but it was ultimately God who delivered it into Israel's hands.

חָזַק

(chaw-zak) - Josh. 11:20 - To harden, make stubborn - God hardened the hearts of Israel's enemies, much like Pharaoh (Ex. 9:12), ensuring their total defeat and demonstrating God's sovereign justice.

לֵב

(lev) - Josh. 11:20 - heart, inner being, will - This is God's to harden or soften

שָׁקַט

(shaqat) 11:23 Rest - temporary rest from conflict - the 3rd of three uses of "rest" in Joshua.

Lesson Five Day Six

4. **Devoted to the Lord.** (11:10-15) Notice three repeated phrases in this passage. What do they reveal about Joshua's obedience, God's faithfulness, and the outcome of the conquest? Are there areas where you are partially obedient—where you follow God's commands but hold back in certain areas? How does this passage challenge you to trust that full obedience leads to full victory?

5. **Hardened Hearts, Divine Justice** (Josh. 11:16-20, Gen. 15:16, Rom. 2:4-5) What aspect of God's nature are revealed in this passage?



How does this connect to What God told Abraham in Genesis 15:16?

What does this challenge you to ask yourself and how you respond to or resist God?

6. **Giant Fear or Giant Faith?** (Josh. 11:21-22) Read Num. 13:22-33; Deuteronomy 2:21, 9:2. What do you learn about the Anakim? What happens to the Anakim under Joshua's leadership? How does this passage show the contrast between Israel's past fear and their present victory?



7. **Final Rest?** (Josh. 11:23) What does this say happened in the land? Why is that significant? How does this foreshadow the ultimate rest found in Christ (Heb. 4:8-10)?

8. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 11:15, 23) What do Joshua's obedience and the fulfillment of God's promises reveal about God's faithfulness? How does this encourage you to trust Him in your own life?







9. **Strong & Courageous** (Josh. 11:23) Joshua's leadership brought rest to Israel. How does this compare to Christ's role as the ultimate conqueror and King?




Create & Share - what can you add to your map today?


Lesson Five Day Seven

Memorize & Meditate

-  Pray for patience.
-  Memorize: _____
-  Simply Read: Joshua 12:1-13:7
-  Write the Word: Psalm 27:11-12
-  Community: Respond to a prompt.
-  Worship _____

Lesson Five/Day Seven – Joshua 12:1-13:7

 **Big Idea:** Like Israel, we must recognize both what God has already done and what He is still calling us to pursue in faith.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** How does remembering God's past victories strengthen my faith for what is still unfinished in my life? Am I content with what God has already done, or am I willing to step forward in faith where He is still calling me?

Devotional: Deut. 7:1-2, 22, Ps. 77:11-12, Prov. 16:9, Phil. 1:6, Heb. 6:12

Dwelling Well...

1. **Remember & Relate.** Write God's promises to Abram (Abraham) in Genesis 12:2-3.

- 12:2 I will _____ 12:3 I will bless _____
- 12:2 I will _____ 12:3 I will curse _____
- 12:2 I will _____ 12:3 I will bless _____
- 12:2 you will _____

Read and summarize Genesis 15:18-21

2. **Victory Remembered, Faith Strengthened** (Josh. 12:7-24) Why is it important that Israel pauses to recount their victories? How does remembering God's past work give us strength to trust Him for the future?

3. **Fear That Still Lingers** (Josh. 12:4-5, Josh. 13:12-13) What does it reveal that even after great victories, Israel still left some enemies unconquered? How does this parallel our own struggle to fully trust God in every area of our lives?



Lesson Five Day Seven

4. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 12:7, Josh. 13:6) What does this passage reveal about God as both warrior and provider? How does this deepen my trust in His leadership?

5. **Not Done Yet** (Josh. 13:1-2) God tells Joshua that "very much of the land remains to be possessed." What does this reminder from God show Israel? How does this teach me to be attentive and to keep moving forward in faith?

6. **The God-Defined Boundaries** (Josh. 13:3-6) What does it mean that God Himself set the borders of Israel's inheritance? How does this teach us about trusting God's wisdom in what He gives—or withholds?

7. **A Mission Bigger Than Borders** (Gen. 12:1-3, Ps. 67:1-2) Israel's land was given by divine command, but was it ever meant to be just for Israel? God told Abraham that his descendants would not only inherit the land, but also be a blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:3). Later, the psalmist declares, "May your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations" (Ps. 67:2). How does this passage help us see that Israel's victories were about more than possession—they were part of God's greater mission? What does this teach you about your attitude toward Israel today and your own mission as a child of God?

8. **Mission Beyond the Map.** How many of the people groups or locations do you recognize from accounts that are yet to come in the history of Israel? Maybe you can think of events yet to come in the Foundational (Old) or even further ahead in the New Testament. Try to think of at least two other events and make some notes about them here about how God's mission is unfolding across generations:









9. **Strong & Courageous** (Josh. 13:7) Joshua is commanded to divide the land among the tribes, even before it is fully conquered. How does this act of faith challenge me to live as though God's promises are already accomplished?





Lesson Five Day Eight

Memorize & Meditate

- 1.  Pray for discernment
- 2.  Memorize _____
- 3.  Simply Read Joshua 13:8-33
- 4.  Write the Word: Psalm 27:13-14
- 5.  Community: Share one insight
- 6.  Worship _____

Lesson Five/Day Eight – Joshua 13:8-33

 **Big Idea:** inheritance is not just about land; it is about trusting God's provision, obeying His commands, and recognizing that He Himself is our greatest inheritance.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** How does Israel's inheritance reveal both God's faithfulness and His expectations for His people? How does this challenge me to see my own life as something given by God to be stewarded, not owned for myself?

Devotional: Num. 32:1-33, Deut. 10:8-9, Heb. 7:23-28

Dwelling in the Word...

1. **A Gift, Not a Reward** (Josh. 13:8-13) How does the word inheritance (nachalah) shape our understanding of the land as something received rather than earned? What has God entrusted to me? How should I live with this in mind?



2. **A Possession Left Unfinished** (Josh. 13:13) This passage notes that some of the original inhabitants of the land remained because Israel did not drive them out. How does this pattern of incomplete obedience reappear in Israel's history? What does this reveal about the dangers of not fully following God's commands?

3. **From Curse to Calling** (Gen.34; 49:5-7, Num. 18:20) See how this scene in Joshua has its roots in family history, violence, circumcision, and a tribal vendetta! Read Genesis 34. Then, fast forward to Jacob's final words to his sons including Simeon and Levi. What does Jacob say would happen to them? (Gen. 49:7)



Read Numbers 18:20-24 and Deuteronomy 10:8-9. What does God promise the Levites?

Lesson Five Day Eight

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4. **The Levites' Portion** (Josh. 13:14, 33) What did the Levites receive? What does this tell you about God's mercy and redemptive purposes?



5. **Borders Set by God** (Josh. 13:23-29) Each tribe received a specific portion of land with defined borders. What does this teach about God's authority in setting limits?

6. **Map It.** Locate and label the areas for Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh on your map.

7. **A Promise Kept, A Commitment Fulfilled** (Josh. 13:8-33, Num. 32:1-33, Josh. 1:12-18) What had the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh asked for? What conditions were set?

What does this teach about faithfulness, obedience, and waiting on God's timing?

8. **A Greater Priest, a Greater Inheritance** (Josh. 13:14, Deut. 10:8-9, Heb. 7:23-28) The Levites had no land inheritance—instead, God Himself was their portion. What does Hebrews teach about Jesus that relates to this passage?

What does this teach about where our true inheritance is found?







9. **Strong & Courageous** (Josh. 13:33) The Levites received no land, yet their portion was greater—God Himself. How does this passage challenge me to rethink what I consider to be my greatest treasure?




Create & Share - what can you add to your map today?

Lesson Five Day Nine


Memorize & Meditate

- 1.  **Pray** to honor God in your decisions
- 2.  **Memorize** _____
- 3.  **Simply Read** Joshua 14:1-15
- 4.  **Write the Word** Catch-up day
- 5.  **Community** How's your StudyBuddy?
- 6.  **Worship** _____

Lesson Five/Day Nine – Joshua 14:1-15

 **Big Idea:** Joshua 14 records the division of the land among the tribes, but one man stands out—Caleb. At 85 years old, Caleb boldly claims Hebron, the land God promised him 45 years earlier. His unwavering faith and wholehearted trust in God demonstrate that inheritance is not just about receiving land—it's about actively believing God's promises and stepping forward in faith to claim them.

 **Ask as You Dwell:** Am I actively stepping into what God has promised, or am I holding back?

 **Devotional:** Gen. 15:18-21, Num. 13:30-33, Deut. 1:34-36, Ps. 37:3-6, Isa. 40:31, Heb. 6:11-12

Dwelling in the Word...

1. **Warrior Priest.** (Josh. 14:1, Ex. 6:23-25, Num. 20:25-28) Eleazar plays a key role going forward. Who is he? What has been and now is his role? Read the passages and note as many details as you can about Eleazar:

 Eleazar means: _____

His Family: _____

Why do you think a priest, not just a military leader, was involved in the land distribution? How does this reinforce that God, not human effort, was the true source of Israel's inheritance?

2. **Faith That Endures** (Josh. 14:6-9) Caleb first saw Hebron 45 years earlier as one of the twelve spies (Num. 13:22, 30). While the others feared the giants, Caleb believed God's promise and remained wholeheartedly faithful (Josh. 14:8-9). Now, at 85 years old, he is still strong and ready to take the land. What does Caleb's patience and perseverance teach about trusting God's timing? How can I remain faithful even when God's promises take longer than I expect?

LEARNING HEBREW

אֱלֶעָזָר

(el-aw-zawr')

"Eleazar" - Derived from El meaning "God" and Azar meaning "has helped."

כָּלֵב

(ka-lev')

"Caleb" - "wholehearted" reflecting complete devotion to God

Lesson Five Day Nine

3. **A Different Spirit** (Josh. 14:6-9, Num. 14:24) Caleb was described as having a different spirit because he fully followed the Lord (Num. 14:24). What set him apart from the other spies? What influence, if any, might others' lack of trust in God impact me? How can I live set apart and strengthened in faith?

4. **Give Me This Mountain** (Josh. 14:10-12) At 85 years old, Caleb did not ask for an easy inheritance—he asked for the hill country of Hebron, where the Anakim still lived. What does this reveal about Caleb's faith? How can I be more bold in God's promises rather than seeking comfort?



5. **Strong at 85** (Josh. 14:11, Isa. 40:31) Caleb declares that he is as strong at 85 as he was at 40. What does this reveal about how faith affects perseverance? How does trusting God strengthen us spiritually even when we grow older?

6. **A Promised Inheritance, A Conquered Land** (Josh. 14:13-15) Caleb received Hebron, but he still had to drive out the Anakim (Josh. 15:13-14). Why do you think God required him to fight for what was promised? In what ways should I follow the example of Caleb today? Or should I?


7. **Discovering God's Nature** (Josh. 14:9, Heb. 6:11-12) Caleb's faith rested on God's promise—he never doubted that God would fulfill His word. How does this passage reveal God's faithfulness to those who trust Him? Do I live like I have this same certainty? Why or why not?

8. **Strong & Courageous** (Josh. 14:12) Caleb boldly said, "Give me this mountain." How would it look in my life today to pursue God's calling with the same boldness, rather than settling for what is easy?



Lesson Five Day Ten

Memorize & Meditate

 Pray...for your Grace Group

 Memorize: _____

Lesson Five/Day Ten - Create & Share

Mapping the Journey of Faith

As we close this lesson, I want to invite you into a different way of engaging with the story of Joshua—not just as a geographical conquest but as a journey of faith, courage, and perseverance. When we look at a traditional map, we see locations pinned, battles fought, victories won, and land divided.

But what if we could map not just places but pathos—the emotions, struggles, and triumphs of faith along the way?

What if instead of just seeing a city named on a map, we could see what it felt like to stand at Jericho...

to cry out at Ai

to stand in awe as the sun stood still at Gibeon or

to step forward like Caleb and declare, "Give me this mountain"?

This is your challenge:

Create a "Map of Faith"—a visual representation of what it has looked like to be strong and courageous in Joshua 10-14.

Consider:

Highs & Lows: Use symbols, colors, or textures to show where faith was tested, where fear crept in, and where trust in God led to victory.

Moments of Courage: Highlight Gibeon's plea for help, Joshua's bold prayer for the sun to stand still, and Caleb's declaration at 85 years old.

Obedience & Consequences: How do you depict the faithfulness of Caleb versus the lingering enemies Israel failed to remove?

God's Presence: Show where God directly intervened—raining hailstones, stopping the sun, fighting for Israel.

This can be as creative as you want it to be—a physical map, a digital design, a series of journaled reflections, a timeline with emotions attached.

Be Bold—Engage With the Story!

Joshua and his generation lived these battles in real time—just like we live our own journeys of faith today.

What does your "Map of Faith" look like?

Where have you seen God move powerfully?

Where have you wrestled with fear or doubt?

Where is He calling you to step forward and claim His promises today?

Bring your creation and share as we come together in the next lesson.

Together, let's see not just the geography of your journey, but the faithfulness of the God who has walked with you every step of the way.



