

# AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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## Topic: Trusting God's Timing and Promises

### Opening Prayer:

Psalm 143:8 - "Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."

Heavenly Father, we come before You today seeking Your guidance and wisdom. Open our hearts to hear Your voice and to trust in Your perfect timing. Help us to learn from Your Word and apply it in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### Read: Joshua 12-13

As we read through Joshua 12 and 13, we encounter a list of conquered kings and lands, a record of the victories God gave to Israel through Joshua's leadership. Chapter 12 details the victories on both sides of the Jordan River, while chapter 13 begins with a poignant statement from God to Joshua: "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess" (Joshua 13:1).

This passage provides a powerful reflection on the balance between human responsibility and divine sovereignty. Joshua was nearing the end of his life, and though much had been accomplished, there was still more to be done. Yet, God's promises remained. The unclaimed land represented not failure, but the ongoing journey of faith and obedience for the Israelites.

The phrase "there remains yet very much land to possess" can resonate deeply with us. Often in our lives, we find ourselves in a similar position—having achieved certain victories, yet aware that much work remains. It's easy to grow weary or discouraged, especially when we feel we are running out of time or resources. However, this passage reminds us that God's plans are not limited by our human constraints.

The unclaimed land in Joshua's time symbolized future potential and the continuing fulfillment of God's promises. Even as Joshua aged, God was not done with Israel. This

is a powerful reminder that God's promises extend beyond our lifetimes, and His work continues even when we may feel we are unable to continue.

Moreover, Joshua's story challenges us to trust in God's timing. The remaining land would eventually be possessed by Israel, but it would require perseverance, faith, and trust in God's ongoing guidance. Similarly, we are called to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us, knowing that He will complete the work He has begun, both in us and through us.

### **Conclusion:**

Joshua 12 and 13 encourage us to reflect on our journey with God. Where have we seen victories, and where do we still see unclaimed territories in our lives? God's faithfulness in past victories assures us that He will also guide us in the challenges that lie ahead. We are reminded that even when we feel our time is short, God's work in and through us continues, and His promises are sure.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

1. How do you see God working in your life now, and where do you feel there is still more to be done?
2. What does it mean to trust God's timing, especially in your studies and future plans?
3. How can Joshua's example encourage you in times when you feel overwhelmed by what remains undone?

#### **For Parents:**

1. How can you encourage your children to trust in God's timing and plans for their lives?
2. What "unclaimed lands" do you see in your family's spiritual journey?
3. How can you balance the victories you have experienced with the recognition of what still lies ahead?

#### **For Professionals:**

1. Where in your career or personal life do you feel there is still much to be done?
2. How do you stay motivated when facing ongoing challenges or unfinished tasks?
3. How can you apply the lesson of trusting in God's timing to your work and professional goals?

**This week, identify one area in your life where you feel there is "much land to possess." Commit it to God in prayer and take one practical step toward trusting His timing and promises in that area.**