AFTER CHURCH DEVI

Topic: Claiming God's Promises

Opening Prayer:

Psalm 119:18 - "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

Father, as we come before Your Word, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to receive the promises You have laid before us. Help us to trust You and walk in the inheritance You've given us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Read: Joshua 15

Have you ever wondered why some promises of God seem delayed in your life? The story of Joshua 15 focuses on the division of the Promised Land, specifically the inheritance allotted to the tribe of Judah. While this chapter may seem like a list of boundaries and names, it carries profound truths about the faithfulness of God and the responsibility His people have in claiming their inheritance.

The land was promised by God to the Israelites, yet it wasn't just handed to them effortlessly. They had to step into the land, fight for it, and maintain their claim. Caleb, mentioned in Joshua 15:13-19, is a remarkable figure who, even in his old age, actively pursued the land promised to him. His unwavering faith and determination serve as a model for us to not grow weary in claiming God's promises.

What stands out is the inheritance given to Caleb. He specifically asks for Hebron, the land of giants, demonstrating not only his courage but also his unwavering trust in God's promises. The Hebrew word for Hebron, "Chevron," means "association" or "fellowship," suggesting that in pursuing God's promises, we enter deeper fellowship with Him.

The boundaries described in this chapter show that God's promises are specific and intentional. He didn't give the Israelites vague blessings; He laid out clear, measurable

territories. Just like the Israelites, we have promises laid before us, but it requires active faith and obedience to possess them.

In our spiritual walk, many promises are available to us—peace, joy, provision, and more—but we often fail to possess them because we don't step into them with faith. Caleb teaches us to ask for what has been promised, pursue it with determination, and rely on God's strength, no matter the obstacles.

Conclusion:

Joshua 15 reminds us that God is faithful to His promises, but we are called to actively step into what He has for us. Like Caleb, we must be bold in our faith, even when challenges arise. Let us trust that God's promises are not only real but attainable when we act in faith.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

- 1. What promises of God are you hesitant to claim in your life?
- 2. How does Caleb's boldness inspire you to trust God more?
- 3. What challenges do you face when trying to live out your faith at school?

For Parents:

- 1. How can you, like Caleb, encourage your family to trust in God's promises?
- 2. What spiritual inheritance are you passing on to your children?
- 3. How do you handle challenges in family life that require deep faith?

For Professionals:

- Are there areas of your career where you feel God has promised you something, but you're struggling to claim it?
- 2. How does the example of Caleb inspire you to persist in the face of giants in your workplace?
- 3. What does it look like to trust God for provision and success in your professional life?

This week, identify one specific promise from Scripture and take an active step toward claiming it in your life. Whether it's trusting God more in a difficult situation, stepping out in faith, or letting go of fear—take that step, knowing that God is faithful to fulfill His Word.