YOUR PROMISED LAND

**4––WHAT’S YOUR NEXT MOVE?**

**Joshua 1:1–7 (NKJV)** After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: **2** “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. **4** From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. **5** No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.”

**Joshua 1:3** Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

You don’t possess your Promised Land all at once. You must acquire it “step-by-step.”

**SO WE NEED TO GET OUR FEET ON OUR LAND … IN OTHER WORDS, WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS.**

**THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD TO TAKE STEPS:**

1. They had to decide that to leave the last season and its priorities behind and pursue their Promised Land
2. They had to cross over the Jordan when the river parted (when God presented the opportunity)
3. They had to take Jericho by faith and expect God to do a miracle
4. They had to conquer the Promised Land together for each to possess their portion. There is a portion for you, but the overall Land—vision—is the Lord’s, and He wants us to work together to take it all for His kingdom

**SO WE NEED TO TAKE STEPS**

**WE DON’T HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING THAT’S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT WE DO NEED TO KNOW THE NEXT STEP.**

**WHAT IS YOUR NEXT MOVE?**

**James 1:5 (NKJV)** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV) Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.**

**Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

**Psalm 37:23 (NKJV)** The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.

**Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)** A man’s heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

**IF GOD TELLS YOU TO WAIT, THEN WAIT**

**Acts 1:4 (NKJV)** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father …

**BUT IF GOD DOESN’T TELL YOU TO WAIT, YOU SHOULD BEGIN DOING WHAT GOD TELLS YOU**

**2 Samuel 20:4–6, 10 (GW)** The king told Amasa, “Call the people of Judah together for me, and in three days be here yourself.” **5** Amasa went to call Judah together, but he took longer to do it than David had given him. **6** David then told Abishai, “Sheba, son of Bichri, will do us more harm than Absalom. Take my men and go after him, or he will find some fortified cities and take the best ones for himself.” **… Verse 10** Amasa wasn’t on his guard against the sword in Joab’s ⌊left⌋ hand. Joab stabbed him in the stomach, and his intestines poured out on the ground. (He died without being stabbed again.) Then Joab and his brother Abishai pursued Sheba, son of Bichri.

**HEROES IN THE BIBLE ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR PROMPT OBEDIENCE**

**Genesis 22:1–3 (NIV)** Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. **2** Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” **3** Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

**SOME OF YOU ARE FACING WALLS … OBSTACLES … LIKE THE WALLS OF JERICHO … BUT IF GOD IS TELLING YOU TO TAKE THIS STEP, HE’S GOING TO REMOVE THOSE BARRIERS**

**YOU ARE NOT POSSESSING YOUR PROMISED LAND ALONE … GOD IS FIGHTING WITH YOU AND FOR YOU**