

CONQUERING CANAAN

“Taking Hold of Your Promised Land”

Teaching Guide · Ladies' Ministry

Key Texts: Numbers 33 (especially 50 to 56), Deuteronomy 8 and 11 NKJV

In one line: God has already given us the land, yet we still have to go in and take it, step by step, driving out what hinders, holding fast to Him, and not letting the promise in our heart die.

Given, and Still to Be Taken

- Israel stood at the Jordan looking at a land God had already promised, yet they still had to cross over and possess it.
- **Yarash:** one Hebrew word meaning both to inherit and to drive out. You cannot possess without dispossessing. The promise and the fight are two sides of one word.
- God being with us does not mean there is no fight. It means we never fight alone.

Numbers 33:53 NKJV ...you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

One Stop at a Time

- Numbers 33 lists all forty-two stops of the journey. God remembered every stage. Not one was wasted.
- **Masei, from nasa:** to pull up the tent pegs and move on. The land is taken one stage at a time, not in a single leap.
- **Line upon line (qav laqav):** qav is a builder's measuring line. God builds our promise line upon line, here a little, there a little. Do not despise small, steady steps.

Isaiah 28:10 NKJV For precept must be upon precept... line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.

What You Leave Will Not Leave You Alone

- What we refuse to drive out becomes irritants in our eyes and thorns in our sides. What we tolerate will eventually torment us.
- **Sikkim:** thorns, barbs, the prick that will not stop irritating. The compromise, offence, fear or habit we leave does not sit quietly; it harasses us.
- Full obedience is a mercy. God says drive it all out to protect us from years of being harassed by what we could deal with now.

Numbers 33:55 NKJV But if you do not drive out the inhabitants... those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides...

The Wilderness Was Working Something in You

- The wilderness humbled them, tested them, and revealed what was in their hearts. It was preparation, not abandonment.

- Manna taught dependence: we live not by our own provision but by every word from God's mouth.
- If you are in a dry place, do not waste it. Let it teach you to trust, and it will ready you for the land.

Deuteronomy 8:2 NKJV ...the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart...

Obedience Opens the Land

- The promised land drinks rain from heaven, unlike Egypt watered by human effort. To live in your promise is to depend on God more, not less.
- **Dabaq:** to cling, cleave, hold fast, the word for a husband and wife becoming one. We hold fast to God, and He drives out the nations before us.
- Obedience is not earning the land; it is staying close to the One who fights our battles. Every place your foot treads, He gives you.

Deuteronomy 11:22-24 NKJV ...to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him, then the Lord will drive out all these nations... Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours.

Facing the Giants

- Twelve spies saw the same land. Ten saw giants; Caleb and Joshua saw a God who was well able.
- **The real problem:** “we were like grasshoppers in our own sight.” The battle was lost on the inside first. How we see ourselves takes us in or keeps us out.
- Caleb had a different spirit and followed God fully, and he entered. Ask God to heal how you see yourself.

Numbers 13:33 NKJV ...we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

Do Not Let the Seed Die

- Many carry a promise God planted, now gone quiet. A buried seed is not a dead seed.
- What looks like death in the ground is often the hidden stage before the harvest.
- **The real danger:** not that the enemy destroys the promise, but that we grow weary enough to stop tending it. Do not give up close to the breakthrough.

Galatians 6:9 NKJV And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Lay Hold and Press On

- The New Testament uses the same language of pressing in to take hold of God's promises.
- **Dioko (Philippians 3):** to press toward, pursue, chase down. Paul does not drift toward the goal; he pursues it.
- **Epilambanomai (1 Timothy 6):** to lay hold, seize, grip with both hands. We are told to lay hold, not wait passively.
- Every promise of God is Yes and Amen in Jesus. When you lay hold, you take hold of a Yes already spoken over you.

2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Practical Ways to Take and Hold Your Ground

- **Name your promise:** write down the specific thing God has put in your heart.
- **Take the next stage:** ask only what is the next step, and take it. Line upon line.
- **Name what needs driving out:** the fear, offence, habit or compromise you have tolerated.
- **Guard the seed:** protect the promise from mockery and comparison; feed it with the Word and worship.
- **Deal with the grasshopper:** answer every “I am too small” with what God says about you.
- **Put your foot down:** take real steps of faith; every place your foot treads is yours.
- **Refuse to grow weary:** decide in advance you will not quit in the dry stretch.

Reflection

- What promise has God planted in my heart that I have almost stopped believing?
- What thorn have I tolerated that has been harassing me for years?
- Where have I seen myself as a grasshopper instead of as His daughter?
- What is the next single step to put my foot on the ground He gave me?

A companion self-assessment goes with this teaching. Work through it to see where you are standing strong and where something is holding you back, then focus on the one or two areas the Lord highlights.

Prayer Activation

Pray these three prayers slowly, leaving space between each one.

Come and Take Your Place

Lord, I stand at the edge of my promise. Thank You that You have already given me the land, that Your promises are Yes and Amen in Jesus, and that You go before me to fight for me. I am not alone. Holy Spirit, lead me across.

Drive Out the Thorns

Take a minute of quiet before praying this. Father, show me what I have left in the land that You told me to drive out: the fear, the offence, the compromise, the grasshopper way of seeing myself. I name it, and I refuse to share my land with it any longer. I drive it out in the name of Jesus, and I ask for a different spirit, like Caleb, that follows You fully.

Take Hold of the Promise

Lord, I take hold of the promise You planted in my heart. I will not let the seed die or grow weary and give up before the harvest. I press toward it, I lay hold of it, I put my foot down on the ground You gave me. I choose faith, patience and obedience, and I trust You to drive out what is greater than me. Every place the sole of my foot treads, I receive as mine, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The promise is already yours. Now go in and take the land.

Be strong, and possess your promise.

“Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours.” Deuteronomy 11:24 NKJV
