

GRACE CHURCH LANCASTER SERMON NOTES

May 19, 2019
Pastor Scott Becker

Joshua: INHERITANCE

Joshua's Background

- He was one of the SPIES, which Moses had sent to scout out the land of Canaan.
- Only Joshua and Caleb had TRUSTED that they could take the land, which God had promised.
- They had to wander in the WILDERNESS with the people of Israel because of the people's unbelief.
- Moses had led them during their FORTY years of wilderness wandering.
- Moses was not permitted to enter the Promised Land because of his DISOBEDIENCE to God.
- Joshua had led the people of Israel in BATTLE while in the wilderness.
- Joshua had seen God give the VICTORY over their enemies.
- Now Moses was about to die and asked God to raise up a LEADER. – Numbers 27:16-20

JOSHUA 1:1-6

1. They were being GIVEN an inheritance.

What was their inheritance?

Canaan: The Promised Land

Promised to...

- ABRAHAM: Genesis 12:2, 13:15 & 15:18
- ISAAC: Genesis 26:3
- JACOB (a.k.a. Israel): Genesis 28:13

*The PROMISE of this inheritance
was now being fulfilled.*

2. They had to RECOGNIZE their inheritance.

- Their parents had REJECTED their inheritance
- Rejection came with a PENALTY.
- Recognition came with a PRIZE.

3. They had to CLAIM their inheritance.
 - Once they recognized and accepted the truth, they had to live like they BELIEVED it.
 - Real BELIEF equals an ACTIVE Response.
 - This would take COURAGE. – Joshua 1:2

It was time to move FORWARD...

...but not FORGET where God had brought them from.

It was time to LEARN from the past...

...but not be DEFINED by it.

God gave Joshua ASSUANCE – Joshua 1:5-6

1. Constant PRESENCE
2. Courageous POWER
3. Continuing PROMISE

WHAT ABOUT US?

1. We have been GIVEN an inheritance. Ephesians 1:11
2. We need to RECOGNIZE our inheritance.
 - a. Rejection comes with a PENALTY.
 - b. Recognition comes with a PRIZE.
3. We need to ACCEPT our position as heirs. Romans 8:15-17
 - *Real BELIEF equals an ACTIVE response.*
 - *Live life out of the knowledge that you are an heir with CHRIST.*
4. We have an ASSURANCE of our inheritance.
Ephesians 1:13-14

God gave us ASSURANCE

1. Constant PRESENCE
2. Courageous POWER
3. Continuing PROMISE