

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLICAL PASSAGES:

- WE ARE CREATED FOR WORSHIP – A WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT

PSALM 150:6 ‘LET EVERYTHING THAT BREATHES SING PRAISES TO THE LORD! PRAISE THE LORD!’

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-6 ‘LISTEN, O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE. AND YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH. AND YOU MUST COMMIT YOURSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THESE COMMANDS THAT I AM GIVING YOU TODAY.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 ‘FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR AND TIMIDITY, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.’

OPEN:

Q: HOW HAS COVID CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

- EXAMINE THE GOOD AND THE BAD.

Q: IN REFERENCE TO UNFINISHED BUSINESS, WHAT MIGHT GOD WANT TO SAY TO YOU ABOUT THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND THE CURRENT MOMENT, AS WELL AS TO THE FUTURE STILL TO COME?

OBSERVATION:

- **Q:** RECOGNIZE ANY FEAR OR TIMIDITY? I DO... [IT’S NOT OF GOD]

JOSHUA 13:1-7

(VS1) ...MUCH LAND REMAINS TO BE CONQUERED.

- ATTITUDES; BELIEFS/ OPINIONS; TRADITIONS; LIFESTYLES; HABITS, ETC.

(VS2) THIS IS THE TERRITORY THAT REMAINS:

- **INVITATION** – LET GOD REVEAL TO YOU THE POSSIBILITIES AHEAD.

(VS6) THE LORD SAYS, “I MYSELF WILL DRIVE THESE PEOPLE OUT OF THE LAND AHEAD OF THE ISRAELITES. SO BE SURE TO GIVE THIS LAND TO ISRAEL AS A SPECIAL POSSESSION, JUST AS I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.

- **NOTE:** GOD’S PEOPLE DON’T JUST GET TO SIT BACK AND WATCH.

JUDGES 3:1-2

‘THESE ARE THE NATIONS THAT THE LORD LEFT IN THE LAND TO TEST THOSE ISRAELITES WHO HAD NOT EXPERIENCED THE WARS OF CANAAN. HE DID THIS TO TEACH WARFARE TO GENERATIONS OF ISRAELITES WHO HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN BATTLE.

- GOD LEFT SOME ENEMIES SO FUTURE GENERATIONS COULD LEARN GOD’S PRINCIPLES OF WAR AND FAITH.

NUMBERS 13: 17-20

- MOSES SENT OUT 12 MEN – ALL TRIBAL LEADERS OF ISRAEL
- THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO:
- **GO:** NORTH THROUGH THE NEGEV INTO THE HILL COUNTRY
- **SEE:** WHAT THE LAND IS LIKE; WHETHER SOIL IS FERTILE OR POOR; AND IF THERE ARE LOTS OF TREES OR NOT
- **FIND:** WHETHER THE PEOPLE ARE STRONG/WEAK/FEW/MANY; AND WHETHER THE TOWNS HAD WALLS OR WERE OPEN AND UNPROTECTED
- **DO:** THEIR BEST TO BRING BACK SAMPLES OF CROPS

NUMBERS 13:27-33

- 10 LEADERS SAID, THE PEOPLE ARE POWERFUL, THE TOWNS ARE FORTIFIED. WE SAW GIANTS THERE. AMALAKITES – LIVE IN THE NEGEV; HITTITES, JEBUSITES, AMORITES – LIVE IN THE HILL COUNTRY; AND THE CANAANITES – LIVE ALONG THE COAST OF MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE JORDAN VALLEY
- BUT CALEB (**VS 30**) TRIED TO QUIET THE PEOPLE – ‘LET’S GO AT ONCETO TAKE THE LAND – WE CAN CERTAINLY CONQUER IT!’
- CALEB SHOWED COURAGE – READY TO LEAD THE CHARGE INTO BATTLE.
- CALEB – CAST OFF HIS FEARS, & ANY THOUGHTS OF COMFORT & SAFETY
- **NOTE:** GAMES ARE NOT WON BY PLAYING IT SAFE – LIVE ON THE EDGE!

CLOSE:

- **LUKE 9:24** ‘FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR ME WILL SAVE IT.
- **JOHN 10:9-10** ‘YES, I AM THE GATE. THOSE WHO COME IN THROUGH ME WILL BE SAVED. THEY WILL COME AND GO FREELY AND WILL FIND

GOOD PASTURES. THE THIEF'S PURPOSE IS TO STEAL AND KILL AND DESTROY. MY PURPOSE IS TO GIVE THEM A RICH AND SATISFYING LIFE.

ACTION:

- SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD...
- DO ALL THAT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY.
- FOR, THERE'S NO LONGER A NEED TO FEAR THE THIEF.
 - CAST OFF RESTRAINTS AND STEP INTO A NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST JESUS
 - STEP INTO LIFE WITH JESUS & FIND AN OPEN FIELD - WHERE THERE'S FREEDOM TO LIVE AS AN OVERCOMER: AS GOD'S BLESSED CHILD.
 - WORSHIP THE LORD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH!