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## Possessing the Promise Part 1: A Good Beginning

Judges 1:1-26

Series: *Compromise, Chaos & Covenant*  
The Book of Judges

**Judges 1:1–3 (ESV)** — **1** After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, "Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?" **2** The LORD said, "Judah shall go up; **behold, I have given the land into his hand.**" **3** And Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come roughup with me into the territory allotted to me, that we may fight against the Canaanites. And I likewise will go with you into the territory allotted to you." So Simeon went with him.

**Central Thought:** We possess the promises and purposes of God for us today, as we consistently seek him and his kingdom first and faithfully follow his commands and direction.

### After the Death of Joshua – A Time of Transition

- ❖ The Priority of divine guidance. (vs.1)
- ❖ The Promise of divine provision and presence. (vs.2, 19)

**Psalm 105:4 (ESV)** — **4** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

**Luke 11:9–10 (ESV)** — **9** And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

**Matthew 6:33 (ESV)** — **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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### ❖ The Problem of disobedience. (vs.3; 22-26)

- A lack of trust.

**Jeremiah 2:13 (ESV)** — **13** for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

**Jeremiah 17:5 (ESV)** — **5** Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

**Proverbs 16:25 (ESV)** — **25** There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

- The temptation to compromise.

**1 John 2:15–17 (NIV)** — **15** Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. **16** For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. **17** The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

- Hedonism, Materialism & Narcissism

### ❖ The Power of faithful courage. (vs.11-17)

**Joshua 1:6–7 (ESV)** — **6** Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

- Jesus is the ultimate hero of faith!

**Revelation 5:9–10 (ESV)** — **9** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, **for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,** **10** and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

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