



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### Separate Yourself

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*Joshua 15:1* The allotment for the tribe of Judah, according to its clans, extended down to the territory of Edom, to the Desert of Zin in the extreme south.

*Joshua 15:8* The northern boundary ran up the Valley of Ben Hinnom along the southern slope of the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem).

*Joshua 15:13-14* In accordance with the LORD's command to him, Joshua gave to Caleb son of Jephunneh a portion in Judah—Kiriath Arba, that is, Hebron. (Arba was the forefather of Anak.) **14** From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmai, the sons of Anak.

*Deuteronomy 9:1-3 (ESV)* "...you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven, a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, 'Who can stand before the sons of Anak?' Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you.

*Joshua 15:63* Judah could not dislodge the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem; to this day the Jebusites live there with the people of Judah.

*Numbers 33:55-56* "If you fail to drive out the people who live in the land, those who remain will be like splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will harass you in the land where you live. And I will do to you what I had planned to do to them."

- **Main Point # 1** In the NT (New Testament), we are God's people! Don't mix, mingle, or exchange the world's ways with God's **commands**.

*Ezra 9:1 (ESV)* "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

*Joshua 16:1* The allotment for Joseph began at the Jordan, east of the springs of Jericho, and went up from there through the desert into the hill country of Bethel.

*Joshua 16:4* So Manasseh and Ephraim, the descendants of Joseph, received their inheritance.

*Joshua 16:10* They did not dislodge the Canaanites living in Gezer; to this day the Canaanites live among the people of Ephraim but are required to do forced labor.

*Judges 10:6 (ESV)* The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served

*the Baals and the Ashtaroth... And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.*

*Joshua 17:12-13* Yet the Manassites were not able to occupy the southernmost towns, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that region. **13** However, when the Israelites grew stronger, they subjected the Canaanites to forced labor but did not drive them out completely.

- **Main Point # 2** Obey God! Disobeying God may **seem** easier, but it has consequences. It may even have eternal consequences.

*Joshua 17:14-16* The people of Joseph said to Joshua, “Why have you given us only one allotment and one portion for an inheritance? We are a numerous people, and the LORD has blessed us abundantly.” **15** “If you are so numerous,” Joshua answered, “and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites.” **16** The people of Joseph replied, “The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have chariots fitted with iron, both those in Beth Shan and its settlements and those in the Valley of Jezreel.”

*Deuteronomy 9:6-7 (ESV)* Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people. Remember and do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you came out of the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

*Joshua 17:17* But Joshua said to the tribes of Joseph—to Ephraim and Manasseh—“You are numerous and very powerful. You will have not only one allotment, but the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours; though the Canaanites have chariots fitted with iron and though they are strong, you can drive them out.”

- **Main Point # 3** Don't seek “additional opportunities” until you have **completed** God's initial assignment (don't covet).

*Joshua 18:1-5* The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The country was brought under their control, **2** but there were still seven Israelite tribes who had not yet received their inheritance. **3** So Joshua said to the Israelites: “How long will you wait before you begin to take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you? **4** Appoint three men from each tribe. I will send them out to make a survey of the land and to write a description of it, according to the inheritance of each. Then they will return to me. **5** You are to divide the land into seven (equal) parts. Judah is to remain in its territory on the south and the tribes of Joseph in their territory on the north.

*Joshua 18:10* Joshua then cast lots for them in Shiloh in the presence of the LORD, and there he distributed the land to the Israelites according to their tribal divisions.

*Joshua 19:49-50* When they had finished dividing the land into its allotted portions, the Israelites gave Joshua son of Nun an inheritance among them, **50** as the LORD had commanded. They gave him the town he asked for—Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he built up the town and settled there.

- **Main Point # 4** Don't ask other people to do things you aren't willing to do yourself. Especially when you are in leadership!

*Joshua 19:51 These are the territories that Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun and the heads of the tribal clans of Israel assigned by lot at Shiloh in the presence of the LORD at the entrance to the tent of meeting. And so they finished dividing the land.*

*Joshua 20:1-4 Then the LORD said to Joshua: 2 "Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, 3 so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood. 4 When they flee to one of these cities, they are to stand in the entrance of the city gate and state their case before the elders of that city. Then the elders are to admit the fugitive into their city and provide a place to live among them.*

*Joshua 20:6 They are to stay in that city until they have stood trial before the assembly and until the death of the high priest who is serving at that time. Then they may go back to their own home in the town from which they fled."*

- **Main Point # 5** Jesus is OUR high priest (Hebrews 4). His death atoned for our mistakes, and we find our refuge **IN HIM**
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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