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6 Principles for “Taking Ground”

1. Be clear on what God has Promised

Joshua 1:4

Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

Joshua 23:4

4 Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain

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2. Be very Strong and Courageous

Joshua Chapter 1 (4 times encouraged and called to....)

Joshua 23:6 “Be very strong.....”

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3. Don't Compromise on Obedience

Joshua 23:6-7

6 “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. 7 Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them.

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Joshua 23:12-13

12 “But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, 13 then you may be sure that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you.

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4. Be ‘Full on’ in your love for and service of God

23:8a *But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God,*

23:11 *So be very careful to love the Lord your God.*

24:14 *“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness.*

24:15 *But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

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5. Expect God to Fight for You

23:9 “.....to this day no one has been able to withstand you.”

23:10 “One of you routs a thousand, ...”

23:9 Great and powerful nations are driven out before you

1:3 every place where you set your foot, is given to you

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5. Expect God to Fight for You

Why ??????

23:10b “.....because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised.”

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6. Expect God to Give you Land

23:5 The Lord your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the Lord your God promised you.

24:13 So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

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Joshua 23:14

14 “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.

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