



JOSHUA

Fellowship Rogers Discussion Guide

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Read [Joshua 1:1-18](#). What do we know about the person of Joshua? Who is he? What is his story? Why is he replacing Moses?

What is the big task the Lord assigned to Joshua and the nation of Israel? What are some obstacles keeping them from fulfilling the task?

In verses 3 and 6, the passage mentions that the Israelites were to receive or inherit the land “sworn” or promised to their ancestors. What promise(s) is(are) being referred to? Why is this important to the book of Joshua?

God assures Joshua and the Israelites they will not go on this mission alone; He will be present with them (verses 5 and 9). Why is the presence of God so important for the Israelites in this journey? Why is it important for us on our spiritual journey?

Possession of the Promised Land will result from the promise of God and the presence of God, but it also required the participation of the Israelites. What do verses 7-8 ask of Joshua and the Israelites? Why is this important?

Four times the passage challenges Joshua and the nation of Israel to “Be strong and courageous.” Why was there a need to emphasize and repeat this statement so often?

What is courage? What role does courage play in our spiritual life? In what area of your life do you need to display strength and courage?

How does the journey of Israel to possess and occupy the Promised Land parallel our own spiritual journey?



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JOSHUA Overview

An overview of the book of Joshua along with details about the Fellowship teaching series is available [online](#).

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Joshua

Joshua tells the story of God fulfilling a promise to the nation of Israel to possess and dwell in the land of Canaan.

A misty, mountainous landscape with a winding road in the foreground. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the fog. The mountains are covered in sparse vegetation, and the road leads into the distance, disappearing into the mist. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Joshua 21:43 NIV

So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there.



God's Promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household **to the land I will show you.** ² I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

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God's Promise to Isaac

Genesis 26:3b-4 NIV

“For to you and your descendants **I will give all these lands** and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴ I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed...”



God's Promise to Jacob

Genesis 28:13b-14 NIV

“I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. **I will give you and your descendants the land** on which you are lying.
¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.”

God's Promise to Moses

Exodus 3:16-17 NIV

“Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt **into the land of the Canaanites**, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ”

A Forty-Year Delay

Numbers 14:29-30 NIV

“In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me.
³⁰ **Not one of you will enter the land** I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.”

Outline of Joshua

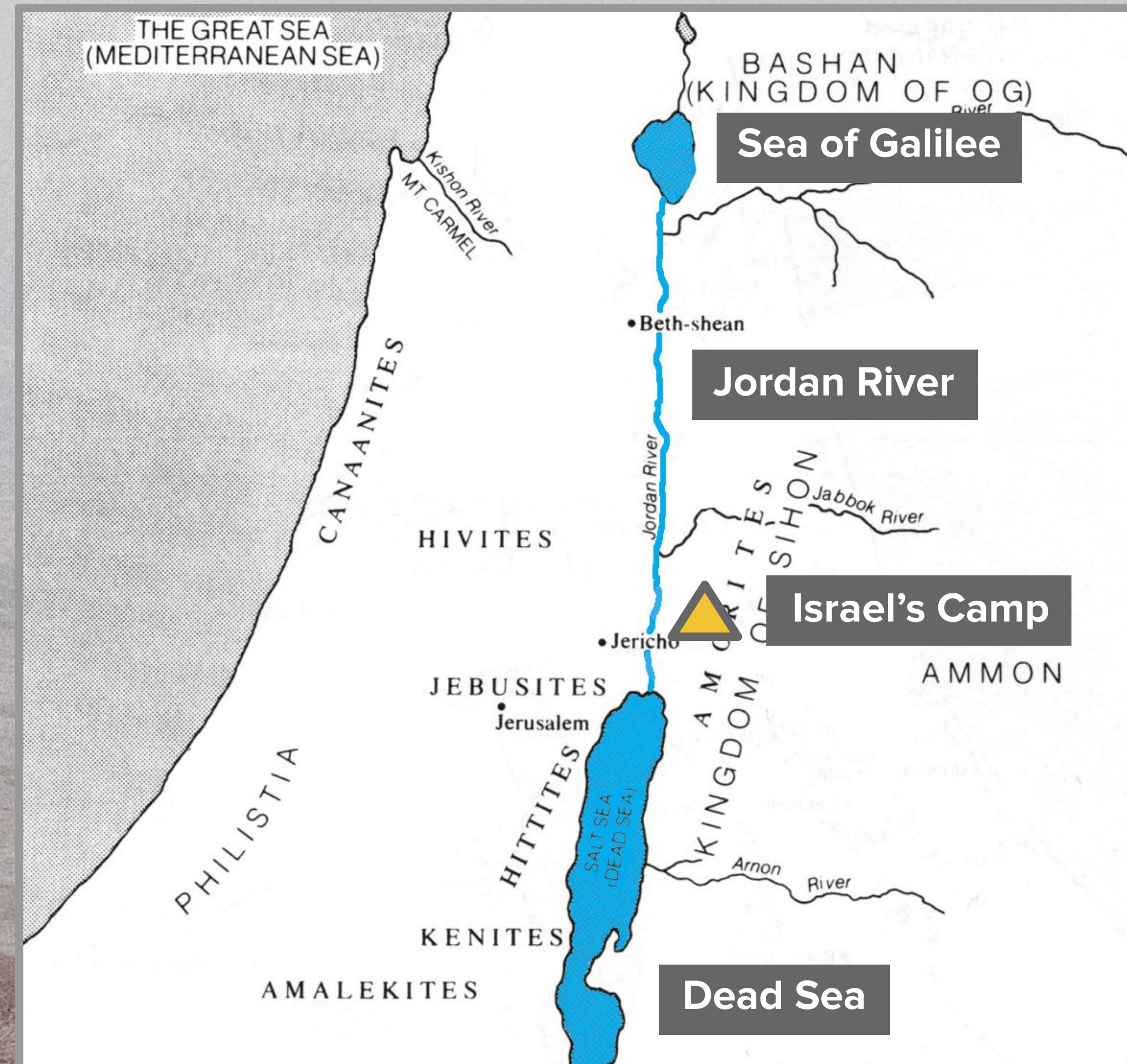
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A. Twelve Movements (Biblical Books)

1. PrologueGenesis 1–11
2. Patriarchs.....Genesis 12–50; Job
3. Redemption/ Exodus; Leviticus
Wanderings.....Numbers; Deuteronomy
- 4. Conquest..... Joshua**
5. Apostasy Judges; Ruth
6. Kingship: United Monarchy 1–2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1–11
(Pss; Prov; Eccl; Song)
7. Kingship: Divided Monarchy 1 Kings 12–22; 2 Kings
(Prophets—selected)
8. Exile Daniel; Ezekiel (Jeremiah)
9. Return from Exile/ Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther
Four Hundred Silent Years (Haggai; Zechariah; Malachi)
10. Life of Christ..... Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
11. Church Age Acts; Epistles (Rev 1–3)
12. Final Consummation Revelation (Dan)



Entering the Land

JOSHUA 1:1-18



Joshua 1:1-2 NIV

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites."

Joshua 1:3-5 NIV

“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 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. ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

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Joshua 1:6 NIV

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”

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Deuteronomy 31:7 NIV

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “**Be strong and courageous**, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.”

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Joshua 1:6 NIV

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**Courage is not the absence of fear,
but the assessment that something
else is more important than fear.**

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Why would Joshua need strength and courage?

Monumental Task

Leadership Transition

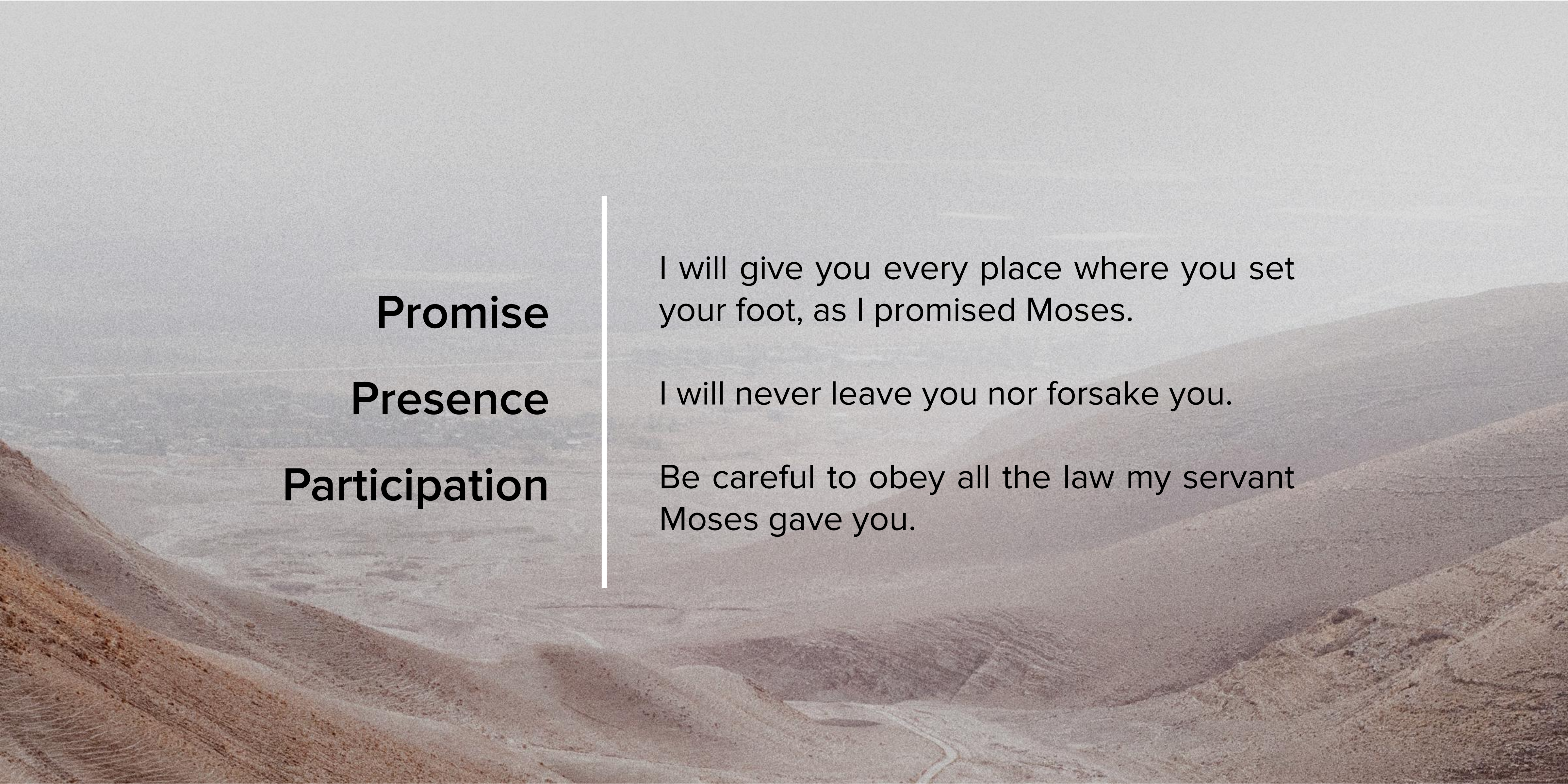
Jordan River

Enemies in the Land

Failure of the Past

Joshua 1:7-9 NIV

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”



Promise
Presence
Participation

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you.

Joshua 1:7-9 NIV

“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be **successful** wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be **prosperous and successful**. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

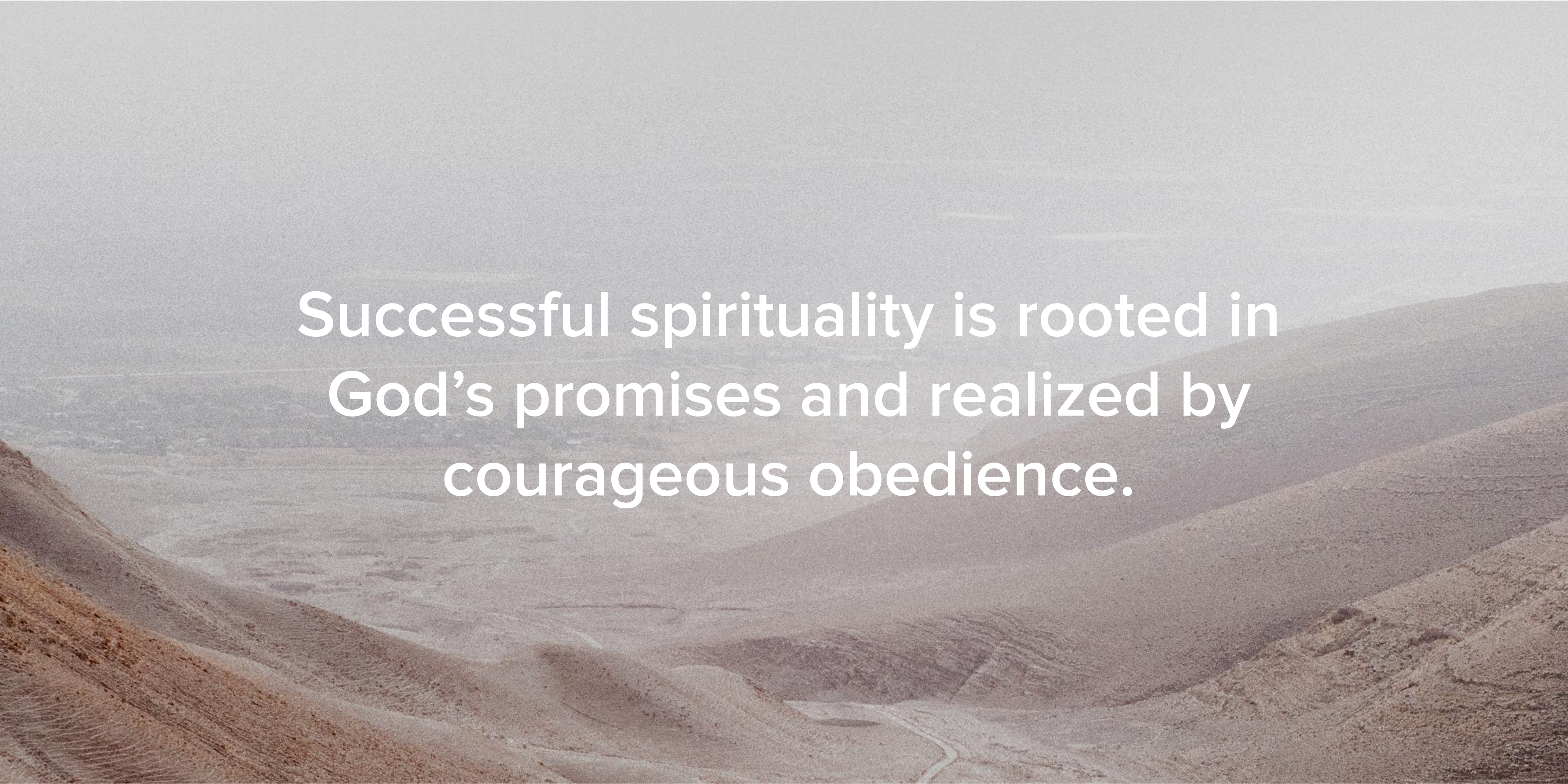


Culture's definition of success:

“getting what you want”

God's definition of success:

“joining what God is doing”

A vast, hazy desert landscape with rolling sand dunes and a winding path in the distance. The scene is captured in a soft, muted color palette, with the sand appearing in shades of light brown and beige. The sky is a pale, hazy blue, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet solitude and expansive space. The text is centered in the upper half of the image, written in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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Joshua 1:10-11 NIV

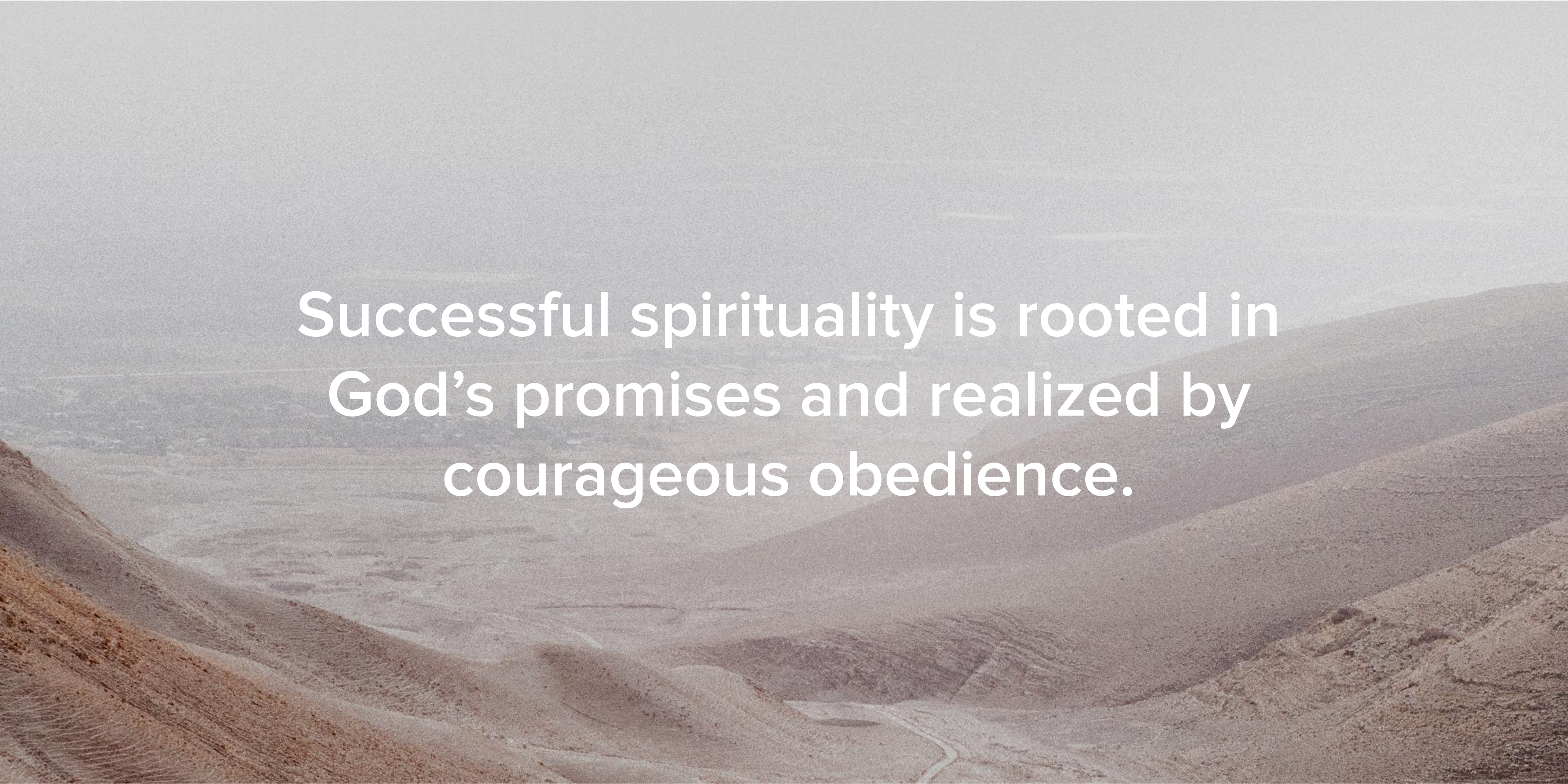
So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹ “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’ ”

Joshua 1:12-14 NIV

But to the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua said, ¹³ “Remember the command that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you after he said, ‘The LORD your God will give you rest by giving you this land.’ ¹⁴ Your wives, your children and your livestock may stay in the land that Moses gave you **east of the Jordan**, but all your fighting men, ready for battle, must cross over ahead of your fellow Israelites. You are to help them...”

Joshua 1:16-18 NIV

Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷ Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as he was with Moses. ¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey it, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only be strong and courageous!”

A vast, hazy desert landscape with rolling sand dunes and a winding path in the distance. The scene is captured in a muted, sepia-toned style, emphasizing the textures of the sand and the atmospheric perspective. The text is centered over the middle of the image.

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Promise

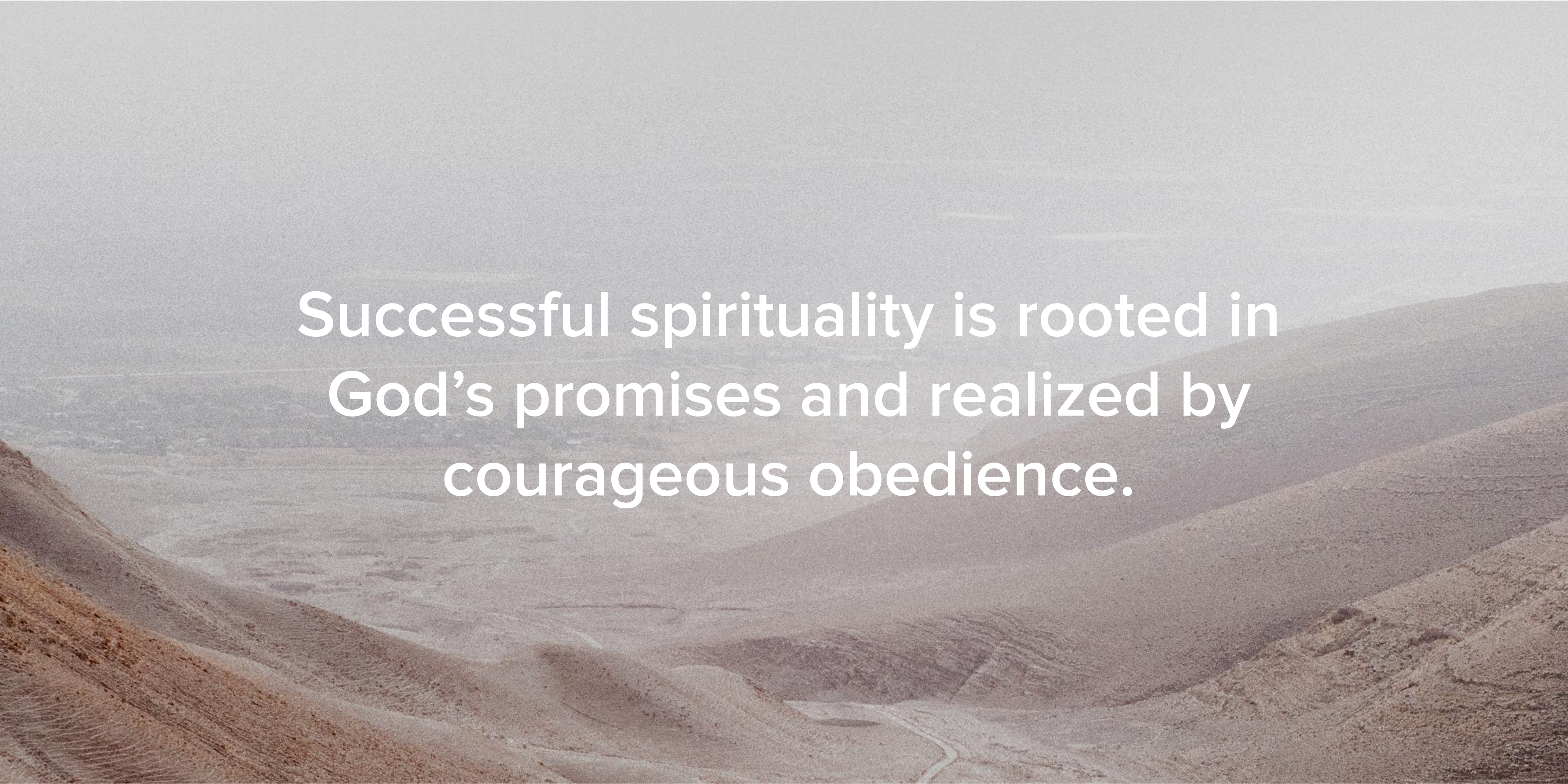
Philippians 1:6 NIV

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Obedience

Philippians 3:12 NIV

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

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