

A DEEPER DIVE

September 6, 2026

Joshua 14

Prayer Focus— Each day this week as you meet with your savior, lift up in prayer the places in the world where there is war, destruction, and little hope. Also pray for the missionaries that you know of and support. Pray for our nation and our leaders, and also your local church and community. Pray daily for our Pastors and Elders. Finally, follow the instruction in Philippians 4:4-7 make your prayer personal. Remember 1 Peter 5:7.

Monday: Reading – Joshua 14: 1-5

Consider this– Door Dash

The first few verses here basically reiterate some of the things we already know, and they explain why there are still 12 tribes, even though the Levites aren't counted among the 12. The Levites are interesting since because of their duties they didn't get a land inheritance. Look back to chapter 13—what was their inheritance? Because they didn't receive land as an inheritance, they were not going to be able to raise their own food, and there was no Costco in the neighborhood. The 12 tribes, in their worship of the Lord, were to supply the Levites with what they needed. I heard a Pastor call this, "door dash for life." He asked the question of which was the better deal—would you rather be one of the 12 and get the land as your inheritance, or would you rather be a Levite and have the Lord as your inheritance and get "door dash for life"?

Tuesday: Reading– Joshua 14: 6-9; Numbers 13.

Consider this– Caleb the fearless

Caleb approaches Joshua and reminds him of the things that happened 40+ years ago. What does he say about himself? Why did his fellow Israelites oppose him? What did Moses promise him? What can you say about the type of person Caleb was because of how he acted in Numbers. In Numbers, he was 40 years old.

Wednesday: Reading– Joshua 14:10-12

Consider this– How old is too old?

Now, in Joshua, Caleb is 85. Has he changed? What does he say about himself? What does he want to do? How is what he is saying in Joshua 14 the same as what he said in Numbers 13? He mentions the Anakites. Who were they?

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Anakim.html>

Thursday: Reading– Joshua 14: 10-12

Consider this– Hebron

Here are three links in case you want to learn more about Hebron. <https://www.britannica.com/place/Hebron-city-West-Bank>

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/4172843/jewish/22-Facts-About-Hebron-Every-Jew-Should-Know.htm

<https://www.naves-topical-bible.com/HEBRON.html>

Friday: Reading– Joshua 10-12

Consider this– Unconquered places.

Caleb requests the land of the Anakim, and he asks that this hill country of giants be his. In Joshua 13, you will remember, the Lord told Joshua that there were still large areas of land to be taken. The job is not done. Israel still has a lot to do and the Lord is not willing that they just sit back and lounge in their past glories. That the

Lord is allowing these enemies to remain reminds me of a section in CS Lewis' *The Horse and His Boy*. Aslan, if you remember, chases and scares Shasta and Bree. Why though? Remember that they have an army chasing them. Also, Bree was a very proud warhorse, but also kind of lazy at times. What positive effect would Aslan's chasing them and scaring them have? Don't forget that by doing this Aslan guided them to join up with Aravis and Hwin. This is all fun reading in a fictional adventure story, but what does Lewis show us about the tests and trials in our lives?

Saturday: Reading– Joshua 14: 13-16; Numbers 14:6-10

Consider this– Make it so!

Remember that Caleb's courage almost cost him his life. And yet, here he is again, undeterred.

Caleb's "devotion of faith" as Davis puts it, required courage and led to isolation. Sometimes you must be the minority voice, no matter the personal cost. Besides his devotion, Caleb recalls God's promises. How many times does Caleb refer to the word of God or the word spoken to Moses? Davis calls this the "anchor of faith." What is your anchor during times of stress or confusion? We are all in God's hands and under his care. How does Caleb show this in verses 10-11? Davis calls this the "perspective of faith." Caleb is old and he could sit back and enjoy the fruits of victory. But what does he want to do? Davis calls this the "energy of faith."

How can we, in our lives, use the devotion, anchor, perspective, and energy of faith? How does your study of the scriptures help in this pursuit?

From the Henri Nouwen Society–

We are called to be a people of hope. Together, we can face our despairs – personal, global, or ecclesiastic. Together, too, we can find the risen Lord, emerged from his tomb of despair, ready once again to love us first. In embracing us, Jesus gives us the hope we need to find and live the life he has hidden in us and in the world.

How will you connect to the hope Jesus gives you so that you can fully live the life God has hidden within you? Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

- Hebrews 13: 5

Sunday - Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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