

Abiding Faithfulness, Stubborn Rebellion, and their Reward
Joshua 11:16-23
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What does abiding faithfulness look like in a church like Westminster?

Joshua calls us to fight the battle of faith.

The promises of God call us to overcome our fears.

The task given to Joshua is now, in a sense, complete.

Abiding Faithfulness v 16-18

“God’s power is at work, but in a way that calls for the tenacity and endurance of His people.” Dale Ralph Davis

How long did the conquest take?

We have highlights and summaries of the Conquest, why?

Abiding faithfulness leads to God’s promised inheritance.

The presence of God either inspires endurance and overcomes fears, or it hardens our hearts.

Stubborn Rebellion v 19-20

Why did only the Gibeonites seek peace with Israel?

Why do people reject God and the gospel they know is true?

God gave them up. God hardened their hearts.

God is just in his hardening and those so hardened are still responsible.

Overcoming our Needless Fears v 21-23

Walking with God as strangers and pilgrims in the earth is difficult.

Fear can control you, or you can overcome fear. Choose.

Who were the Anakim and why was Israel so afraid of them? (Deut 9:2)

Do not allow your fears to keep you from obedient, active faith.

Their fear of the Anakim led to a rebellion of the people. Num 14:3-4

How did God respond to their unbelieving fear? Numbers 14:22-23.

So, what do you fear today? Who are your Anakim today?

Both Joshua and Caleb, the two good spies, defeated the Anakim.

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. (1 John 5:4)

A few promises of God for you to lay hold of by faith.