

# CUT WOOD



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**Joshua is in charge after Moses has died**

**Moses stands/stood for the Law**

## **John 1:17**

**17 For the law was given by Moses, but  
grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

Starting in **Joshua Chapters 13-17**,  
we see the Lord command Joshua to start  
dividing the land among the tribes

## **Joshua 13:1**

**1 Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.**

**There were still battles  
and  
territories to conquer**

**DOESNT MATTER  
HOW OLD YOU ARE!!!**

**The tribe of Joseph was the largest**

## **Joshua 17:12-13**

**12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.**

**13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not utterly drive them out.**



**This was the first of several references stating the Ephraimites inability to drive out the Canaanites from several locations.**

**→ This is an important backdrop to our story.**

## **Joshua 17:14a**

**14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto?**

→ **THEY THOUGHT THEIR LOT WAS TOO SMALL!**

→ **THEY THOUGHT THEY DESERVED BETTER!**

## **Joshua 17:14b**

**14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the Lord hath blessed me hitherto?**

**HOW PRIDEFUL WAS THEIR PROTEST!!!**

**LOOK AT THE LANGUAGE THEY USE**

→ "I AM"

→ EVEN USING THE LORD'S NAME  
TO COMPLAIN

**THERE ARE MANY CHRISTIANS THAT**  
**AREN'T CONTENT WITH WHAT**  
**GOD HAS GIVEN THEM**

→ “Church doesn’t recognize my talent”

→ “Why can’t I be in that position”



# **BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN SEEKING FAME, FORTUNE OR GLORY**

**→ You might end up in a similar position  
as Pontius Pilate (Matthew 27:11-25)**

**Pilate had to decide what to do with Jesus**

**The most important decision of his life**

**Think of all the factors affecting Pilate's  
decision**

→ The attitude of his prisoner Jesus  
(John 19:4)

→ The dream of his wife  
(Matthew 27:14)

→ The anger of the crowd  
(Matthew 27:22-25)

**CROWDS CAN INFLUENCE YOU INTO HELL,  
BUT CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF IT**

# 1 Timothy 6:6

**6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

- **Be content with what the Lord has given you**
- **The people complaining to Joshua needed to understand this**
- **His wise words are about to reveal the truth**

## **Joshua 17:15**

**15** And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

**JOSHUA TELLS THEM TO GO  
AND  
CUT WOOD!!**

**OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE!!**



**Faith in the promises of God  
should be expressed in**

**courageous**

**and**

**obedient action**

**→ God doesn't want us living in fear**

**CLEARING THE LAND  
WILL TAKE WORK!!!**

**DID YOU THINK IT WOULD BE EASY??**

**REACHING YOUR POTENTIAL  
REQUIRES WORK!!!!**

## **Ephesians 2:8-10**

**8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

**9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO  
DEVELOP YOUR LOT?**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH  
WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU?**

**HOW MUCH WORK  
ARE YOU WILLING TO PUT IN?**

## **Joshua 17:16**

**16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are of Bethshean and her towns, and they who are of the valley of Jezreel.**

**THE TRIBE DOESN'T WANT THE JOB  
OF CLEARING THE LAND**

**→ WHY NOT? WHAT EXCUSE DO  
THEY HAVE?**

**“...chariots of iron...”**

- The enemy always looks scary and intimidating, because he wants what you have**
- Fear and unwillingness to obey God's commands are symbols of unbelief**

**Joshua answers the peoples' fears with  
an application of the promise of God**



**Pay close attention to how these next  
verses are worded, and the order of  
how things are to be done**

**Joshua 17-17-18 17** And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only:

**18** But the mountain shall be thine; for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, and though they be strong.

**1st** → **Cut Wood**

**2nd** → **Claim the Wood**

**3rd** → **Enemies defeated**

**THE PEOPLE NEEDED TO  
CUT THE WOOD FIRST!!!**

**GOD WILL ONLY GIVE YOU THE VICTORY  
AFTER YOU OBEY HIS COMMANDS**

**LET US SERVE GOD TODAY BY CUTTING  
THE WOOD HE COMMANDS US TO!!**

**HE WILL GIVE YOU THE STRENGTH TO  
WORK AND WIN EACH DAY!!!**

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