

Faith to Claim

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Tell us about one of the most courageous things you've ever done. What made you do it?
- What trait or attitude do you appreciate in people? Recall a specific instance explaining this.
- If you could address the whole world, what would you want to say? Why?

WORD

⁶And the Lord said to Moses, ⁷“The daughters of Zelophehad are right. You shall give them possession of an inheritance among their father’s brothers and transfer the inheritance of their father to them.” **NUMBERS 27:6,7**

(Read also **NUMBERS 27:1-5**.)

The daughters of Zelophehad were about to enter the Promised Land, but their situation looked bleak and hopeless. Their father had died in the wilderness and, under traditional rules, daughters could not inherit any property from their father. However, they dared to state their case and make a bold claim for their inheritance and God’s promise of blessing. As a result, their request was granted. Today, we will look at three ways to build faith to claim God’s great promises for us.

1 Know God’s Word.

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” **JOSHUA 1:8***

The promise of God is to bless us as we fear Him and delight in His commandments (Psalm 112:1). When we read and know the Word, we place ourselves in a position to inherit His promises. According to Joshua 1:8, what is the result of declaring, meditating on, and applying God’s Word?

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2 Ask according to His Word.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." **JOHN 15:7**

As followers of Christ, we can have the boldness and confidence to ask God according to His Word. We can claim His promises. The more we know God's Word, the more we can confidently ask Him and trust that He will answer our prayers. Recall a recent time when, in faith, you prayed and saw God move miraculously on your behalf.

3 Claim the inheritance God has for you.

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. **2 CORINTHIANS 1:20**

The daughters of Zelophehad had the audacity to ask for something big and seemingly impossible. They were determined, even though they could have been discouraged. They showed faith in how they claimed the promise, and God came through for them. In the same way, we should verbalize our agreement with the Yes of God by speaking our *Amen*. According to this verse, which promises of God find their Yes in Him?

APPLICATION

- Share one thing you learned from the story of Zelophehad's daughters, and how you will apply it in your life, starting this week.
- Do you have a daily habit of reading and meditating on God's Word? What's one thing you can do to develop a more consistent habit of being in God's Word every day?
- Do you confidently ask God for specific things and pray according to His Word? What could be stopping you from asking with boldness? What will you do about it?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the inheritance we have in Jesus Christ. Thank God that He providentially planned everything for you since the beginning of time.
- Pray that you would have a deep hunger and love for God's Word, and that you would desire for it every day, more than your daily bread.
- Pray that you would boldly claim and proclaim God's promises for your life, and that you would also encourage others to do the same.



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