

FULLNESS

JOSHUA 21:45, *Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true. through him.*

Despite Israel's skeptical minds, small dreams, stubborn hearts and selfish motivation, God in His goodness and faithfulness STILL delivered His promise! That's the kind of God He is! God wants us to experience the fullness of life and the fulfillment of His promises! He wants your joy to be complete, He want you to lack in nothing, He wants you to live full lives; and know that ultimately fulfillment can only be found in Him. It is in Him that we experience FULLNESS. As the Apostle Paul say in Ephesians 3:19, *May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.* That is God's desire for each of us—that we may fully know God's love and that in Christ we can be complete—in Him we can experience fullness; in Him we experience all of God's good promises fulfilled! God is inviting us not just to watch other people experience fullness in God! We're each called to find our fullness in God! So we must beware of the following: Skeptical minds, Stubborn Hearts, Small Dreams and Selfish Motivation.

God wants us to be full in Him and filled with Him all the time! Listen, if you want to be filled, you have to fix the flow. The only way for you to be filled is for you to fix the flow.

Fuller Faith – God, knowing our tendencies, makes sure that He declares things before they happen, so that we'll know He's responsible for their fulfillment and to remind us of our role to fully believe in His promise. If we're really going to walk by faith, we have to listen to God, then believe and act on His promises before we see any evidence of the fulfillment of those promises. As people of faith, we can be a church that doesn't have to see to believe. You declare what is yet to be!

Fuller Love – According to Ephesians 3:19, experiencing the love of Christ leads to a fuller life! And the best way to experience its fullness is by sharing it fully! We want to be people who love God with all of our hearts, mind and strength; we want to love others and our reach more people to fully experience the love of Christ! You'll realize how much fuller your life becomes when you extend Christ's love and welcome more people into your life!

Fuller Obedience - We are the evidence of God's faithfulness to our church. And now, God is calling us to fuller and deeper obedience! God is calling you to fuller obedience. Instead of saying, I can't, God is calling you to say I CAN!

Fuller Worship – Worship is more than just singing some songs at church on Sundays. It's a lifestyle that believers embrace. The most vital essence of worship when we treasure of Christ as our ultimate gain in life! It is being satisfied with God in all that He is for us in Jesus. The key to praising Christ is prizing Christ—He is your ultimate treasure, your highest prize; your vital source of satisfaction, fulfillment and fullness. Christ is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- New York Mission Trip (November 8-16)
- September 29-30 (Equip Seminar in Edmonton)

PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- Fall and winter ministries and activities
- The new attendees and the seekers who attend.
- Fuller Faith, Love, Obedience, Worship.

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY: When Moses died, Joshua took command of the people of Israel! And he was a strong leader—a military leader who led the people through numerous battles in order to possess the land that God promised them! He made sure that Israel obeyed every instruction God gave Moses! This time, not more questioning and complaining, OK—just obey! If you really want this promise, obey. The lesson to be learned in this story is: IF GOD SAYS IT, BELIEVE IT. We need to learn from the experience of the Israelites. Just receive God's word, believe it and do what it says. The goal for each of us is to BELIEVE AND DO WHAT GOD SAYS.

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

Is there a person in your life who, when they speak, you listen and follow? Why do you listen to them?

Question:

What is the most important lesson you learned from last Sunday's sermon?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

Question:

What is the context of Joshua 21:43-45?

Question:

What does Joshua 21:43-45 teach us about the sovereignty, wisdom and power of God to fulfill what He promises?

Question:

Why does God sometimes delay the fulfillment of His promises? What reasons could there be?

Question:

Why is complete obedience to God's directives such a big deal?

Question:

The Israelites questioned Moses a lot and it delayed the fulfillment of the promise. What happens when we question the messenger? How does that reflect the state of our own heart?

Question:

How can we train ourselves to grow in the F. L. O. W. so that we can live fuller lives?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Question:

What leadership qualities can you see in the life of Joshua?

Question:

How can you become a better follower so that you can eventually grow in your leadership?