WHOLLY FOLLOWING THE LORD IN

TEXT: Joshua 14:6-14

INTRODUCTION: Let's note the time that he followed the Lord
It was a time of unrest; It was a time of uncertainty; It was a time of unbelief.

I. IN SPITE OF DISAPPOINTMENTS
There is a disappointment in friends
There are disappointments in family
There are disappointments in failures
There are disappointments in finances

II. IN SPITE OF DEFICIENCY
He was 85 years old and still following God
He never retired from following the Lord
He kept on following
He kept on fighting

III. IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES
There were giants in the land

Giants of faithlessness	Giants of fatigue
Giants of fearfulness	Giants of family problems
Giants of failure	Giants of financial reverses

IV. IN SPITE OF DRYNESS

When the tears are gone	When the tenderness has departed
When the thrill has left	We have to follow him

V. IN SPITE OF DISCOURAGMENTS
When we look at others and get discouraged
When we listen to others and get discouraged
When we learn about others and get discouraged
We have to follow him

VI. IN SPITE OF THE DEVIL

The Devil is a deceiver	His weapon is lies
His target is our mind	We have to follow him

His purposse is to make you ignorant of God's will

VII. IN SPITE OF THE DISPLEASURE OF OTHERS

Ch. 14:8-Read	In spite of the crowd

In spite of their choice
We started off with the time that Caleb followed the Lord

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM GOD

I - GOD IS OUR STRENGTH: Hab. 3:17-19
Ps. 27:1 "The Lord IS the strength of my life"
A STRONGHOLD (Present, not Past or Future - Daily)
Ps. 71:16 "I will go IN the strength of the Lord"
MIGHT (His, not Mine)

II - GOD STRENGTHENS US - AS WE SEEK HIS STRENGTH
Ps. 105:4 "SEEK the Lord, and His strength"
(Aiming - Striving)
Pro. 2:4-5 "IF thou seekest as silver & searchest for as hidden treasure, THEN thou shalt UNDERSTAND the fear of the Lord, & FIND the knowledge of God"

III - GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS SPIRIT
Eph. 3:16 "To be strengthened with MIGHT by HIS SPIRIT in the INNER MAN" (Inside to Outside)
I Cor. 14:4 "Edifieth HIMSELF (Spirit, not Body)

IV - GOD'S STRENGTH IS SHORT-CIRCUITED BY SIN
Ps. 31:10 "My strength faileth because of my INIQUITY'"
Hos. 7:9 "STRANGERS have devoured his strength & he knoweth it not... gray hairs here & there... yet he knoweth not" (Fear-Worry-Anxietied-Frustrations)

V - GOD'S STRENGTH MAKES US OVERCOMERS
Jos. 14:11 "I am as strong this day as I was in the day Moses sent me out... to go out & to come in"
(Physically & Certainly should be SPIRITUALLY"
II Cor. 10:4 "Weapons of our Warfare are not CARNAL but mighty through God"

VI - RECEIVE GOD'S STRENGTH BY FAITH
Mk. 11:24 "Whatsoever ....desire....believe....have"
Rom. 8:17 "Joint heir with Jesus Christ"

Heb.10:29	Isa.26:4	Ps.84:5-7	Ex.15:2	Heb.3:17-19
Neh.8:10	Isa.12:2-3	Ps.46:1-2	Ps.27:1	II Cor.1:20
Joel 3:10	Isa.41:10	Ps.28:7-8	Ps.71:16	2Tim.4:17-18
Eph.3:16	Isa.40:29	Ps.31:24	Ps.18:2	Ps.18:32-33
Jos.14:11	Pro.10:29	Ps.73:26	Ps.29:11	Ps.27:12-14
Ps.27:14	Deut.33:24-25			

ADVANTAGES I HAVE AS A CHRISTIAN

TEXT: Hebrews 4:14-16

I. WE HAVE A KING THAT CAN NEVER BE DETHRONED —
Psalms 45:6
Thy throne O God is forever and forever
Psalms 93:2 Thy throne is established of old, thou art from everlasting
Kings of the earth are dethroned, but our King shall never be dethroned

II. WE HAVE PEACE THAT CAN NEVER BE DISTURBED
Let's note the promise of that peace, Romans 5:1
Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God
Note the person of that peace, Philippians 4:7
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus

III. WE HAVE A POWER THAT CAN NEVER BE DUPLICATED —
Matthew 28:18
All power is given to me in heaven and earth
It is a self-existing power — Power to save
No man gave it to Him — Power to calm the storms
It is a Self-evident power — It is a self-sustaining power

IV. WE HAVE PROVISIONS THAT CAN NEVER BE DIMINISHED —
Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also give us all things.
Note the supply — Unchanged
Unlimited — Note the statement
Note the supplier — Unbelievable

V. WE HAVE A HIGH PRIEST THAT CAN NEVER DIE —
Hebrews 1:8, 5:1-6
He is an everlasting priest
He is an efficient priest
He is an experienced priest

VI. WE HAVE A PLACE THAT CANNOT BE DESTROYED —
John 14:1-6
Note the place of this place
Note the preparation of this place
Note the promise of this place

GETTING OUT OF DEBT

Have an established heavenly account.
1. Consider church offering buckets and boxes as investment opportunities.
2. Continuous planting insures continuous harvest - Not seasonal planting

I COUNT THE COST: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; II Tim. 2:15
-Payment schedule
1. Learn the Word and meditate regularly - Jos.1:8; Ps 1:1-3; II Tim. 2:15 Mk 9:23
2. No more credit - Rom. 13:8
3. Faithful in tithes and offerings - Tithes: Mal. 3:10; Praise: Lk 6:38 Poor: Prov. 19:17; Gospel: Mk 10:29-30

II DECIDE UPON AMOUNT: Make a list of all bills
Minor bills - car - home - etc...

III ASK FOR THE AMOUNT SCRIPTUALLY:
1. How? John 16:23
2. Why? John 16:24 - Praise and thank now for it.
3. Matthew 18:19, "Agree" for strength

IV YOU DATE FAITH'S ANSWER KNOWING THAT GOD DATES THE FACT MANIFESTATION:
Mark 11:24, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, beleive that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

V UNDERSTAND THE TIME PERIOD:
- Faith is never disturbed, because it has already received.
- Three things going on: God works - Satan fights - you hold
This is the trial of you faith while God is working
Satan takes advantage of delay to attack, to defeat, stop.

VI HOLD FAST TO YOUR FAITH CONFESSION: Word and Action.
1. Faith words call those things that are not as though they are. - even when naturally writing checks.
2. Keeps faith channel open for fact ($) to materialize.

VIII DEMONSTRATES FAITHFULNESS TO GOD
No deadline because it already has the answer.
1. Continue to: Study
2. Continue to: Serve - Labour in His vineyard.
3. Continue to: Give - Offering boxes and offering buckets are opportunities for you to invest for the future.