

## THE C'S OF FAILURE & SUCCESS

*Joshua 18:1-19:51*

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### Introduction

- Chapters 13-19 (7 chapters) describe the division of the land to the tribes of Israel.
- The emphasis is on each tribe taking possession of their inheritance.
- In 18:1 – 19:51 we have the allotments of the remaining 7 tribes.
- The text provides lessons on the C's of failure and success in possessing the land.

### Joshua 18:1-10

#### 1. Have a God-centred life (18:1)

- The tent of meeting (the tabernacle, the place of God's presence) was shifted from Gilgal to Shiloh.
- Shiloh is geographically central to the Promised Land.
- Israel is to keep God at the centre of their lives and worship Him only (Deut. 12:8-14).

#### 2. No complacency (18:2-7)

- How long will you put off taking possession of your inheritance?
- We have been given fullness in Christ (Col. 2:9-10).
- Care-lessness will leave us in spiritual poverty.

#### 3. Co-operate with God in possessing His gifts (18:8-10)

- Surveyors explored the land and gathered the facts but God assigned their portions.
- Our spiritual blessings include spiritual gifts to be used in an area of ministry to serve God and others.
- Serve in co-operation with God from a place of rest, with a gentle and humble spirit (Matt. 11:28-30).

### Joshua 18:11-19:48

- The allotments to the seven tribes.

### Joshua 19:49-51

- Joshua was given his own inheritance.

### Our Challenge

- The description of the tribal inheritances of God's Promised Land began with Caleb's inheritance (14:6-15) and ended with Joshua's inheritance (19:49-50).
- These two men set the example of how to possess God's inheritance.
- Our challenge is to possess our spiritual blessings in Christ through faith, God-centredness, commitment, and courage.