

boundary

The Lord had already drawn the borders of Israel's inheritance with unyielding precision—every mile of fertile valley, every rugged hill, every spring-fed wadi inside those lines belonged to them by divine decree. The title deed was signed in heaven long before any sword was drawn or wall breached.

Yet a promised land does not yield itself passively. Divine promise demands human possession. The boundaries stood fixed, but Israel still had to cross them—feet forward, hearts resolute, or the gift would remain untouched.

Joshua felt the weight of that holy tension: God had secured the land, but the people must seize it. Before a single warrior stepped toward Jericho's towering gates or Ai's shadowed slopes, one indispensable weapon was placed in his hands—the Word of God.

Canaan would not fall to mere enthusiasm or military might. It demanded a mind saturated with truth, a heart forged in obedience, and feet that moved only in rhythm with divine command.

To drift from Scripture was to march blind into enemy territory. To cling to it was to walk in the invincible strength of the One who had already scouted every battlefield and shattered every stronghold ahead.

Before Joshua could lead a nation into promise, he had to be led by the Word. Before the people could claim their inheritance, they had to submit to their instruction. If the land marked their borders, the Word marked their course.

Victory was promised—obedience was the only path. And so, with the territory already decreed and the charge ringing in their ears, Joshua and Israel step forward, hungry for the “good success” God Himself guarantees.

Every advance into promise begins the same way: not with a sword raised, but with a heart bowed low over the open Word.

boundary homework

remember

Joshua received his commission and resources, and the boundaries of the Promised Land were delineated.



answer the questions

What two-word command did God give Joshua that signaled it was time to move forward into the promise?

_____ & _____

According to God's design, what do boundary lines offer to a nation stepping into its inheritance?

_____ & _____

homework

Joshua may have known the borders laid out before him with crystal clarity, yet a far greater measure of success awaited—something deeper, more enduring than land or victory alone.

decode the text

Read | Joshua 1:7-9

Highlight all directives and/or action words that pertain to the Word.

How does the text define the relationship between obedience to the Word and outcome, and what consequences are implied when that obedience is compromised or absent?

Scripture repeatedly shows the connection between obedience and outcome. Throughout the Word, we see many who disobeyed the Lord by stepping out of the boundaries of the blueprint He had given them.

The Scriptures are the boundary lines

The Word is the measure of good success for the Spirit-filled life.

It comes in the knowing and the doing
In the memorizing and the applying
In the examination and the execution

Jesus gave a beautiful sermon on the Mount of Olives, His longest on record. After the crowd mediated, listened and absorbed three chapters worth of the Scriptures, Jesus exhorted the hearers to do something with what they learned. As the grand finale, we find the following text.

Read | Matthew 7:24-27

These are two souls, similar but vastly different at the heart of the matter. Examine the text. Use the workspace below to compare and contrast the two men. What did they have in common? Where did they differ?

compare

List everything they had in common

contrast

What was different?

The exclamation point on His sermon was to DO the Word.

meditate ★ do

Ephesians clearly defines the strong kinship between meditate and do.
In fact, it's nearly a perfect divide down the middle.

Meditate ★ Chapter 1-3: Who you are in Christ

Do ★ Chapter 4-6: What you do for Christ

Who you **are** in Christ

Sweep through chapter 1 & 2 of Ephesians. Identify who you are in Christ.

I am _____

What you **do** for Christ

Observe the following references in Ephesians. Record the command verb or verb phrase.

4:25 _____

4:26 _____

4:27 _____

4:30 _____

4:31 _____

4:32 _____

5:1 _____

5:2 _____

5:8 _____

5:15 _____

5:20 _____

5:21 _____

meditate

Keep the Word on your mind, hidden in your heart, and ever ready on your lips. The immovable truths of your identity in Christ will encourage your heart and keep you focused on the mission at hand.



do

In light of what the Lord has done for you, respond in obedience. Do the commandments. Walk it out. The boundary lines of the Scriptures will ensure that you will stay the course.

Explore the terrain. And all the land you tread is yours.
Stay in bounds, and have good success

stepping forward



Meditate on the Word... and live it. Day after day, breath after breath, until Scripture rewires the cadence of your thoughts, the pulse of your decisions, and the deepest reflexes of your soul.

This is the boundary God has etched around your life: not a fence to confine, but a guardrail to protect, a narrow path to genuine freedom, the only route to the “good success” He promises.

We do not claim our inheritance through vague intentions or raw determination. We walk it out—one intentional, Scripture-soaked step at a time—letting the truth we read become the truth we embody.

Meditation plants the seed deep in the heart; obedience waters it until it breaks through and bears fruit. One prepares the soil; the other proves the harvest. Outside those lines is barren ground.

Meditate and do.
Listen and obey.
Stay within the lines that lead to life.

Victory comes through a life saturated with God’s commands, a will submitted to His voice, and feet that moved only where the Word pointed.

Bend your heart and ear. Let The Word shape you. Then step forward, confident in the One who has already gone ahead and secured the way.