



VIDEO DISCUSSION | WEEK 6

Sermon: February 15, 2026

GAIN GROUND FOR THE KINGDOM: THE KEY TO GAINING GROUND (JOSHUA 1:1-9)

Simple obedience is doing what God says with courage and consistency

HOOK

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- Q: What is your favorite recipe to cook?

The first American cookbook, *American Cookery*, was published in 1796 by Amelia Simmons. Today, Americans still love recipes. Two-thirds of Americans use a recipe weekly and 10 percent cook from a recipe daily. Today, 88 percent of recipes come from food blogs, websites, or social media.

The purpose of a recipe is simple: it provides a formula for a tasty meal without having to take risks, experiment, or forget critical ingredients.

- Q: Have you ever failed to follow a recipe properly and the outcome was disastrous?

Maybe your food was too salty to eat, burnt to a crisp, or far too liquidy. We have all experienced a poorly made meal as a result of poorly following instructions. It is critical to see that the promised outcome of a recipe is dependent upon the chef executed the directions properly.

To a certain extent, the Bible is like our cookbook, or our guidebook for life. It does not promise us an easy, self-gratifying life, but it does reveal the promises of God which exist for human flourishing. Those that are obedient and faithful are the ones that experience those promises to the fullest extent.

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Begin the video now, pause when prompted, then walk through the discussion points below

Talking Point 1: Obedience is walking in the promises of God

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-5

- Q: What reasons could have led Joshua to be disobedient to the Lord's commands instead?
- Q: Are you ever susceptible to similar reasoning?
- Q: Read verse 5 again. What stands out to you about the promise God gives Joshua here?

Scripture: Hebrews 4:11

- Q: How might Christians today be in a similar circumstance as the Israelites were in the days of Joshua?

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Talking Point 2: Obedience is not circumstantial

Scripture: Joshua 1:6-7

- Q: Why do we often treat obedience as something that is circumstantial?
- Q: When is it easiest to choose your own desires over God's desires?
- Q: Have you ever made a significant sacrifice in an effort to be obedient to the Lord?

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Talking Point 3: Obedience is the key to Gaining Ground

Scripture: Joshua 1:8-9

- Q: What encourages you from these verses as you think about gaining spiritual ground in your own faith?
- Q: Which of the following is most difficult for you to choose daily in your faith: self-denial, submission to authority, sacrifice, or trusting that God knows better?
- Q: How have you seen obedience lead to blessings in your own life?



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Spend a few minutes discussing the practical applications of today's passage:

- Q: How does our study of Joshua 1:1-9 today connect to the Gaining Ground initiative?
- Q: What does sacrificial obedience look like for you this week?
- Q: What does it look like to be bold and courageous in your faith this week?