

**GIVE ME THIS  
MOUNTAIN!**

# **45 YEARS LATE!**

## **CLAIMING POSSESSION OF DELAYED PROMISES**

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# Preamble

- ❖ Prayer to tap into God's extraordinary grace to help you overcome every giant that has been opposing your covenant blessings in Christ.

- ❖ God desires to bring me to unprecedented breakthrough in 2020 because He shall grant victory over intimidating giants that have been dominating the area of my possession.

- ❖ Recap of Annual Theme: **GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN!**
- ❖ A prophetic promise
- ❖ An invitation to dare previously impossible situations in life and ministry at personal and corporate levels

# ❖ Topic: **Claiming Possession of the Impossible:**

- Courage to Dare
- Confidence in God's Promise
- Clarity of Impossible Circumstances
- Commitment to Depend on God

**Please listen to this  
message again**

# Important Note

- That God will remove the political mountain by causing “a massive landslide that will swallow significant political figures.” Please do not pray against the landslide once it appears but allow God to accomplish His kingdom agenda in the country.

- That the economic mountain will continue to grow worse and intimidate Kenyans; yet God will sustain the RIGHTEOUS through the biting economic calamity.
- That there will arise a melting crisis in the Kenyan Church while God will elevate select RIGHTEOUS persons to key positions of national influence.



# ❖ Topic: **45 YEARS LATER!** **CLAIMING POSSESSION OF** **DELAYED PROMISES**

- ❖ Read Joshua 14: 6-15
- ❖ Explain the context of this text
- ❖ Draw lessons from it to help us claim possession of our delayed promises



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# **UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT**



# **Group Discussion**

Please share with your  
neighbour your experience  
with delayed promises.

- Many of the promises that we wish to claim this year have accumulated over years of delay.
- Everyone is familiar with the frustration of delayed promises – especially if the promise was to define your life (and posterity) in some significant way.
- God had given Caleb a promise whose fulfilment delayed for 45 years!
- What really happened?

- **Israelites camped at Kardesh Barnea on route from Egypt to Canaan**
- **Caleb sent as one of 12 men to spy Canaan (Numbers 13)**
- **Caleb (and Joshua) gave a positive report but the other 10 discouraged Israel from trying to enter Canaan in fear of the Anakites**

- **Caleb believed that God would give victory against the Anakites (Numbers 14)**
- **But Israelites believed the negative report and decided not to enter Canaan**
- **So the whole mission stopped**

- **God declared punishment upon the 10 spies – they were killed later**
- **God also declared punishment on all Israelites – they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years until they died**
- **But God promised to finally bring Caleb to Canaan**


- Book of Joshua = historical record of Israel's entry, conquest and occupation of Canaan
- Caleb waited this long for reasons not directly related to him.
- We can imagine the level of disappointment that he had to endure.






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**SECRETS TO  
CLAIMING  
POSSESSION OF  
DELAYED PROMISES**


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- 1. Persistent Remembrance of the Promise (v 6)**
  - 2. Persistent Remembrance of Specific Details (v 7, 9)**
  - 3. Persistent Remembrance of God-honouring Convictions (v 7-8)**

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- 4. Appreciation of God's Faithfulness Over the Years (v 10)**
  - 5. An Undying Commitment to Spiritual Warfare (v 11)**
  - 6. Audacity to Ask for the Delayed Promise (v 12-14)**
  - 7. Authentic Commitment to Wholehearted Devotion to God (v 14)**

Caleb finally took possession of his delayed promise, 45 years later, on account of **faith** driven by **commitment to God**. He did not allow human presumption to contradict **believe in the power of God to accomplish the impossible**. He was **guided by the word of God** and **did not waver even in prolonged desperate situations**. He waited until God's appointed time to fulfil His promise. What about you?


# APPLICATION

- ❑ Delayed promises lead to accumulation of disappointment.
  - The pain around disappointments defile our hearts and threaten our ability to see God.
  - You must not allow disappointments to accumulate to the extent that they mask the reality and image of God

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- ❑ Need for aggression in dealing with delayed promises.
    - Being passive is to threaten your soul with increasing separation from God.
  - ❑ Yet, even God's promises will often be delayed!

## ❑ Theme GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN = Invitation to ask for the impossible mountain in our lives

- Believe that God has given us a prophetic promise that we shall be able to take possession of delayed promises in 2020.
- Must not be passive or casual about this promise
- Act in obedience and add faith to the promise; then begin to proactively position yourself to claim possession of delayed promises with renewed confidence in God's faithfulness

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- Have you struggled with delayed promises in your life?
  - Do you feel like God is too far, or He has forgotten you, on account of delayed promises?
  - Have you remained faithful in your devotion to God during this waiting period?
  - Do you have the audacity to ask God again for possession of your delayed promises? Are you sure He is the one who promised you?



- Do you have a positive appreciation of God's sustaining hand over your life through difficult situations since receiving the promise? **[Have you been seeing the blesser even when the blessing has been absent?]**
- Do you have inner strength to wage war against the giants that have stood opposed to your promises?
- Do you have a genuine and wholehearted devotion to God?

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● More advice coming Sunday on  
how to sustainably continue  
claiming possession of your  
delayed promises individually  
and as a congregation

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# **CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**