

# Step Into Scripture: Shadows

## Day 71 Reading: Deuteronomy 3–4 and Day 71 of Step Into Scripture

### Week 11: On the Edge of the Promise

This week, we will discuss Israel's pivotal moment as they prepare to enter the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering due to their faithlessness. We will begin by reviewing the narrative, emphasizing God's unchanging promises and the importance of faith in action, especially in ridding our lives of sin. We will highlight the distractions that can lead believers away from God's ultimate inheritance, reminding us to remain focused on the eternal rather than temporary worldly desires. Lastly, we will unpack the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua, drawing parallels to Jesus as the ultimate guide for Christians toward our promised future.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some examples of distractions in our lives that can take our focus away from God's promises?
  - The Israelites got distracted from entering the Promised Land by the temptation to settle for what looks appealing rather than what God has promised.
  - Can you think of a time when something in your life distracted you from pursuing your goals or faith? How did you handle that situation?
2. How does the concept of putting sin to death relate to our daily lives, especially in light of the instruction given to the Israelites regarding the Midianites?
  - God commanded the Israelites to remove sin from their midst, and this reflects on how we should deal with sin in our lives.
  - What are some practical steps you can take to address sin or negative influences in your own life?
3. Why do you think the Israelites had such a hard time trusting God and entering the Promised Land, even after witnessing His miracles?
  - The Israelites' history of doubt and fear caused them to wander for 40 years instead of entering the land God promised.
  - Have you ever doubted God's plans for you despite seeing evidence of His work in your life? How can you strengthen your trust in those moments?
4. What does it mean to follow God wholeheartedly, as seen in the lives of Caleb and Joshua, and how can we strive to do that today?

- Caleb and Joshua were the only ones from their generation allowed to enter the Promised Land because they followed God wholeheartedly.
  - In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to give your full commitment to God? How can you work on those areas?
5. How does Moses' request for God to appoint a leader for Israel reflect the importance of guidance and leadership in our spiritual journeys?
- Moses' concern for Israel and his request for a leader to guide them shows how vital leadership is in following God's path.
  - Who are the leaders in your life that provide guidance and accountability in your faith? How can you support or learn from them more effectively?

### **Prayer**

- Ask for prayer requests first.
- Pray for help in applying the principles from the Bible study into daily life.
- Ask for strength to identify and put to death any sin that may hinder spiritual growth.
- Seek guidance in remaining focused on God's promises and calling amidst distractions.