

Possessing your Inheritance Part 2

Road Trip to the Inheritance

The Nation of Israel is a living metaphor for the Church. The Land they came into possession of, was a metaphor for the inheritance that was passed on to us. Everything about it speaks to the nature of what has been left to us.

The Inheritance Israel went to possess was a land that was widely varied in its geography and climate. It had many different kinds of places to live, many different opportunities to pursue. Every Israeli did not live in every part of Israel. They found *their* portion, that part that was given to their tribe. Then they found the corner of that portion that was best suited for them. That is where they dug in and made a home. The inheritance that has passed on to us is also widely varied. It is not the same for everyone. The corner you were made for is uniquely suited for you.

Think about all the things that were done by men and women of God who came before you. Durkin, Wimber, Chuck Smith, Billy Graham, C.S.Lewis, Charles Finney, The Apostle Paul. King David, Jeremiah the Prophet and so many more. If you think about what their lives were about, what they did, how they lived and what they accomplished, you will have an idea of what is in the catalogue of your Inheritance. **You, as a son or daughter of God, have inherited the right to do as they have done, go where they have gone and live as fiercely and fully as any one of them ever did.** You have inherited the right to worship as intimately as King David, to preach as powerfully as Charles Finney, to write as powerfully as C.S. Lewis to hear from God like Jeremiah, and shepherd and impact the Church as much as Paul the Apostle ever did. What you have inherited does not *duplicate* what they did, but it can stand as tall as anything they ever did, **if...** You will possess it. Your portion might not be in the area of church service but in the sciences, arts, politics, craftsmanship, mentoring, to name just a few. Think of all that has been done by the greats in these fields that walked with Jesus in their time and take it as proof of what is possible.

Have you ever had the experience of seeing another person doing something and thinking, "I could do that. I might even do that better!"? The problem is that you're not doing it better, you're not doing it at all. Maybe that's a part of your inheritance. They are in it and you're not. Who knows what is possible if you can just get to your inheritance and **posses it!** Will you do it? Not if you don't know your inheritance even exists. And not if you don't make the effort to take possession of it.

On the Road

The journey, the **Road Trip** the Jews took out of Egypt is a metaphor for the 'journey' we must take to possess our portion. Every roadblock, every breakthrough, every struggle and every miraculous gift of provision from God that the Jews experienced, are all metaphors for the unavoidable process we must undergo to be prepared for our inheritance and ultimately, eternity with Him.

Of course, God knows we have to make this trip. He knew the Jews had to take that ride. It was only an eleven day journey from Egypt to Canaan. God took them the long way because He knew these Egyptians (after 400+ years, that's what they were) were not ready to come into the inheritance right away. At that point, the Inheritance was like a Ferrari left to a 7 year old. You can't just hand them the keys, even if they have the pink slip. They will wrap it around a pole and splatter themselves across the highway unless they take the time to mature, learn the skills necessary and come to understand the nature of what they have inherited. So, for the next forty years God took them on the transformation ride. As a people, they were shaped and matured, parts were pruned, other things installed and through it all they learned who God really was. The road trip founded the first real relationship between God and His people. It was a rocky road but each step was solid gold. That is why he made the effort to record the whole story of that first trip the Jews took. It has served as a roadmap for every generation that followed after them. If you study the Map, you can find out where you are and anticipate what's coming next. The Exodus story is the GPS for Christians.

Every element of the first Road Trip is a metaphor for what we must experience. Even the way they traveled, in clans, is a metaphor for how we travel along the trail. When the Word mentions a particular person, on his way to the Promised Land, they are not traveling alone. They have their wives, children, in laws, servants, camels, donkeys and so on strung out along the trail. That is the way we travel the journey we are taking. There are many parts that make up your person; they all travel in a 'entourage'. Parts of us are way ahead, some way behind, while other parts of us get lost, hung up or scattered along the way. Some small part of your entourage may have already arrived in your portion of the inheritance. They are experiencing all the milk and honey they can stand. There they are splashing around and whooping it up, yelling about how great it is.

"Come on, you guys! Hurry up! It's great in here, everything you ever thought it could be! You'll love it! Hurry! Hurry!"

The rest of your entourage is annoyed.

"Will you just shut up? You're making the rest of us miserable! Were still stuck out here, trying to figure it out. Why don't you stop playing and laughing and help the rest of the clan get moving? And don't hog all the honey, you selfish little punk!"

That is what I'm doing here. My mission is to get all of you moving along the trail, through the checkpoints and into the inheritance. I hope it won't take you forty years. Once you're in the land, I want to help you find ***your portion***. The payoff for me, is that your life will detonate with blessings when you get there. The fountain of His Purpose will drown you with joy and rain down on anyone who gets close to you. Imagine what this world would be like if we all got to Our Portion in the Inheritance? I want to live in that neighborhood.

There is a saying that, 'The Journey is it's own reward'. That may be true, but the inheritance is a better reward. Yet, you must understand this: There is **NO GUARANTEE** that you will get there. There are many reasons why people fall short of the full inheritance in this life. Real life is not a Disney production. The whole generation that hit the road out of Egypt died in the desert with the exception of Caleb and Joshua. Even Moses and Aaron fell short. I can't guarantee you will make it, but I will help you fight for it as long as we have life. So let's get going.

A little traveling music, if you please? How about Bob Segar's 'Roll me Away'? That puts the pedal to the metal for me.

Next stop: **Out of Egypt**

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