Part #11 LIVING IN THE LAND

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: LIVING IN THE LAND.

1) Working together

a. What request did the leaders of the tribes of Reuben and Gad make to Moses before the children of Israel crossed the River Jordan? Numbers 32:1-5,16-19 (see also Joshua 12:6)
b. How did Moses respond to their request? Numbers 32:20-22
c. What can we learn from the testimony of Joshua about working together as a community of faith? Joshua 22:1-4
d. What admonition and gift did Joshua share with these Transjordanian tribes? Joshua 22:5-8
e. What lessons can we learn from this story about working together in unity? Colossians 3:23-24, Galatians 5:13-14, 1 Peter 4:10, etc.

2) Conflicts arise

a. What action of the Transjordanian tribes was a source of conflict with their relatives on the west side of the Jordan? Joshua 22:9-12,13-19
b. Was this "great, impressive altar" on the east side of the River Jordan an act of rebellion or a memorial like the first altar constructed when the children of Israel crossed into Canaan? (see Joshua 4:1-7, 22:21-29)
c. Why do you think the Transjordanian leaders declare "El, Elohim, Yahweh" two times?
d. Why is it important to remember that "He knows!"? 1 Samuel 16:7, Hebrews 4:12-13
e. How is the counsel of the Psalmist helpful when we are falsely accused? Psalm 37:1-6
f. How could this conflict have been avoided? Ephesians 4:1-3, Philippians 2:1-4, John 7:24, 1 Corinthians 4:5, etc.
g. What lessons can we learn from this story for our lives today? Proverbs 15:1, Luke 6:36-38
h. Share a time when a conflict arose in your community of faith that could have been avoided if time had been taken to listen attentively. James 1:19

3) Finding a peaceful resolution

a. How did Phinehas and the leaders from the west side of the River Jordan respond when they heard the testimony of the Transjordanian leaders? Joshua 22:30-33
b. Why is it important to be honest when we have made a mistake? 1 Peter 5:5b
c. What are your thoughts about the name given to this altar by the Transjordanian leaders? Joshua 22:34
d. What important lesson have you learned from this story of conflict and resolution for your life today?