



## Topic: **Gaining New Grounds**

Text: Joshua 13:1

*“Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed”.*

Gaining New grounds is to make progress, to experience advancement in life. From the Scriptures we see God begin to speak to Joshua at the twilight of His life, indicating that there are new lands to be possessed, We can be rest on our laurels, there still more of God to discover.

To gain new grounds is to grow and increase in capacity, Increase in prominence and achieve more.

Acts 6: 7

*“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith”.*

The apostle came to a point where they had plateaued, the church had grown to a great company, and then they lost focus and became so comfortable with the state at which they were. We see immediately in earlier verses that issues began to creep up in the early church, then the apostles decided to give them selves to Prayer and the word while the issues of serving tables and sharing given to selected Men –Deacons, Immediately the Church begins to gain new grounds and Multiply greatly. Sometimes for us to gain new grounds we must be uncomfortable with the stays quo and seek more like the Apostles did and realign your focus, even for organizations, individuals and families, we must continue to seek more to get into a new phase.

### To Gain Ground

- Be Unsatisfied with the status quo
- Have a deep desire for more, New Experience
- We must Increase our Capacity to Perceive what God can Do( Perception & Vision)
- We must be strategic in thinking and approach-Think Differently
- Embrace the Word of God and act in faith
- Partner with the Holy Spirit
- We must Engage in Prayer to New Ground- Every New Ground demands a warfare

### BE UNSATISFIED

- Never get to a place in life where you are satisfied with your walk with God
- Continually examine yourself- Re evaluate things consistently
- Your Passion for more of God should be consistent, When Passion to seek God dies , growth and new experience are inhibited. For every Christian, Spiritual Hunger is key to seeking daily for God.
- We must Continually ask our selves the question “What more?”

David had destroyed a lion and a bear but yet there was giant Killer within yet to emerge. God desires us to seek New grounds in our Spiritual walk with Him.

**PRAYER:** Lord Awaken my desires for more, a passion for New Experiences in God