

GROUPS

sermon guide

JOSHUA: 7/26/2026 - Pastor Cassie Wilson

MAIN IDEA

DON'T STOP SHORT

TALK ABOUT IT

Ice Breaker: If someone gave you a map to hidden treasure, but told you it would take a lot of work to find it, would you go after it? Why or why not? What would make you quit before reaching it?

1. Why do you think the seven tribes hesitated when the hardest battles had already been won?
2. What do you think keeps people from fully embracing what God has already made available to them?
3. Where do you see procrastination showing up spiritually, not just in obvious sins, but in delayed obedience?
4. Who has been a "Joshua" in your life—someone willing to tell you the truth because they love you?
5. Have you ever resisted someone's correction only to realize later they were right?
6. What kind of friend are you becoming? One who keeps people comfortable or one who helps them grow?
7. What excuses do Christians commonly make for delayed obedience?
8. Which is more dangerous: outright rebellion or comfortable procrastination? Why?
9. The sermon mentioned that our beliefs shape our behaviors. Can you think of a belief you've held about yourself that has limited your obedience?
10. What would change if you truly believed God had already equipped you for what He has called you to?
11. What's one excuse you've been telling yourself lately?
12. Fear, Frustration & Fatigue challenge integrity. Which of those three is the biggest challenge for you right now?
13. Why is integrity often tested in seasons when no one seems to notice?
14. Can you think of a time when choosing integrity cost you something but ultimately strengthened your faith?

KEY SCRIPTURES

JOSHUA 18 & 19

TALK ABOUT IT (CONT.)

15. Surveying the land required effort. Why does God often invite us into the process instead of simply handing us the outcome?
16. How do we distinguish between trusting God and passively hoping things change?
17. Why is surrender often harder after we've already done our part?
18. Have you ever felt like someone else received a "better inheritance" than you? How did you respond?
19. What stands out to you about Joshua waiting until everyone else had received their inheritance?
20. How does Joshua point us toward Jesus, who gave everything so we could receive our inheritance?
21. If someone looked at your life over the next six months, what evidence would show that you refused to "stop short" in your walk with Christ?

Closing Challenge: Complete this sentence -

"Lord, I don't want to stop short in _____. Give me courage to take the next step You are asking of me."

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - River Baptisms - August 16, 2026 5:30-7:30pm
 - Sign Up [HERE](#)
- **EXPERIENCE:**
 - Fall Groups Kickoff - 9/15/2026
- **EXPAND**
 - Sage Hills Social - Christmas in July - July 26 @ 6pm

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