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Fighting for What you're Given

¹ “Listen, O Israel! Today you are about to cross the Jordan River to take over the land belonging to nations much greater and more powerful than you. They live in cities with walls that reach to the sky! ² The people are strong and tall—descendants of the famous Anakite giants. You’ve heard the saying, ‘Who can stand up to the Anakites?’ ³ But recognize today that the Lord your God is the one who will cross over ahead of you like a devouring fire to destroy them. He will subdue them so that you will quickly conquer them and drive them out, just as the Lord has promised. Deuteronomy 9:1-3 (NLT)

- **Balance God’s promises.**

- **Don’t be _____.**

³ I promise you what I promised Moses: ‘Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—
Joshua 1:3 (NLT)

- **But Don’t _____**

⁴ “After the Lord your God has done this for you, don’t say in your hearts, ‘The Lord has given us this land because we are such good people!’ No, it is because of the wickedness of the other nations that he is pushing them out of your way. ⁵ It is not because you are so good or have such integrity that you are about to occupy their land. The Lord your God will drive these nations out ahead of you only because of their wickedness, and to fulfill the oath he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 9:4-5 NLT

- **Clean out** _____.

⁵⁵ But if you fail to drive out the people who live in the land, those who remain will be like splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will harass you in the land where you live. ⁵⁶ And I will do to you what I had planned to do to them.” Numbers 33:55-56 (NLT)

³ We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT)

- **Pray in** _____.

Exodus 17:9-13

Life Group Questions

- Which statement best describe your life: 1) I've had to fight for everything I have, 2) God gave me everything I have? Why?
- There is the paradox, that God fights for you, but you must fight to possess the land. Does that comfort you, discourage you?
- What do you think the Holy Spirit is speaking to you at this time?
- Praying in the kingdom, and fighting in the battle are not mutually exclusive, we actually need to do both. What is your tendency to lean toward?