

# Joshua 1:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

## Analysis

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Joshua's reminder to Transjordan tribes of Moses' command shows covenant continuity across leadership transitions. Their settlement east of Jordan while brothers fought west required faithfulness to previous commitments. This demonstrates that changing circumstances don't nullify earlier covenant obligations. God holds His people accountable for promises made under previous leadership.

## Historical Context

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Reuben, Gad, and half-Manasseh received Transjordan territory conditionally—they must fight alongside other tribes before settling (Numbers 32). Joshua held them to Moses' terms, requiring covenant faithfulness despite Moses' death. They fulfilled this obligation (1:16-18, 22:1-6), demonstrating integrity.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. What previous commitments require your continued faithfulness despite changed circumstances?
2. How do you honor covenant obligations made under former leadership or seasons?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּמִנְשָׁה הַשְׁבָּט וְלִמְצָא וְלִקְדָּע וְלַרְאֹבֶן

And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to half the tribe of Manasseh

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