

The Daughters of Zelophehad

NUMBERS 27:1-11

In this next message concerning often overlooked people in the Bible, we examine five courageous women who faced a crisis with grace. As we unpack their bold response, we will see how it correlates to believers today as we relate to God, to others, and to our future.

1. There was a _____ in the nation.

2. These women showed great _____.

3. God _____ their concern.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

1. We should come _____ before our Lord.

2. We should live _____ before the Lord.

3. We should plan _____ before the Lord.

Scripture References (In order of use): Leviticus 25:23; Genesis 1:27-28; Galatians 3:28; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:2; Matthew 6:20

Reference Works: Be Counted (Warren Wiersbe); The Message of Numbers: Journey to the Promised Land (Raymond Brown); Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers (Max Anders and Glen Martin); Numbers-God's Presence in the Wilderness (Iain M. Duguid); The Pentateuch (James E. Smith)

Discussion Questions

1. When have you felt overlooked or invisible in a situation, but later discovered your contribution mattered more than you realized?
2. Read **Number 27:1-11**. Is there anything from the sermon you would like to discuss?
3. How does the story of Zelophehad's daughters challenge us to courageously advocate for what is right, even when it goes against cultural norms or traditions?
4. What does it mean to come boldly before God's throne, and how can we balance boldness with humility in our prayer life?
5. How can we live expectantly in the tension of the 'not yet,' preparing for our eternal reward while faithfully serving in the present?
6. The daughters of Zelophehad were concerned with preserving their father's name and legacy. How important is it for us to honor and preserve the spiritual legacy of those who came before us?
7. Moses brought the daughters' case before the Lord rather than making a decision on his own. How can leaders today cultivate the practice of seeking God's wisdom before making important decisions?
8. What does the phrase 'courage is just fear that has said its prayers' mean to you, and how have you experienced this in your own life?
9. The keeper of the spring was overlooked but vitally important. In what ways might God be calling you to serve faithfully in roles that others may not notice or appreciate?



**It's the pastor's responsibility to fill the pulpit.
It's your responsibility to fill the pews.**

Daily Devotions

Day 1: Created for Partnership

Reading: *Genesis 1:26-28; Galatians 3:26-29*

Before sin distorted God's design, men and women were created as equal partners in governing creation. You bear the image of God, regardless of gender, status, or background. In Christ, the barriers that divide are torn down. Today, recognize that you are not an afterthought in God's kingdom but a vital part of His plan. Your voice matters. Your contribution is essential. God invites you into partnership with Him, not as a second-class citizen but as a beloved child with full inheritance rights. How are you embracing your identity as God's image-bearer? Where might God be calling you to step into the partnership He designed for you?

Day 2: Courage Under Pressure

Reading: *Numbers 27:1-11; Hebrews 4:14-16*

The daughters of Zelophehad demonstrated remarkable courage by bringing their concern before Moses and the entire community. They didn't allow fear or tradition to silence their legitimate need. Courage isn't the absence of fear; it's fear that has said its prayers. God invites you to approach His throne with the same boldness these women showed. What concern have you been afraid to bring before God? What injustice needs addressing? Don't let intimidation keep you from speaking up for what is right. God honors those who courageously seek His wisdom and justice. Bring your case boldly before the Lord today, trusting that He listens and cares about what matters to you.

Day 3: Living in the "Not Yet"

Reading: *Hebrews 11:8-16; Matthew 6:19-21*

Zelophehad's daughters weren't yet in the Promised Land, but they lived as though they would be. They prepared for a future they couldn't yet see. As believers, we live in this same tension—citizens of heaven while still on earth. We're not yet in our eternal home, but we can invest in it now. How are you storing up treasures in heaven? Are you making decisions based on temporary comfort or eternal impact? Faith means acting on God's promises before you see their fulfillment. Today, evaluate where you're investing your time, resources, and energy. Live expectantly, preparing for the promises God has yet to fulfill in your life.

Day 4: Generational Thinking

Reading: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 2 Timothy 1:3-7*

The ruling these five women received didn't just benefit them—it changed the law for all future generations. They thought beyond themselves. True legacy isn't about what you accumulate but what you pass on. Are you living just for today, or are you setting up the next generation for success? Parents, grandparents, mentors—your faithfulness today creates pathways for those who follow. Like the keeper of the spring, your quiet, consistent obedience may seem unnoticed, but it's vitally important. What spiritual inheritance are you leaving? What debris are you clearing away so others can drink from pure streams? Think generationally. Your faithfulness echoes into eternity through the lives you influence today.

Day 5: Never Overlooked by God

Reading: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Luke 1:46-55*

Five women with an unusual request. An obscure keeper of the spring. A shepherd boy named David. A teenage girl named Mary. God's kingdom is filled with people the world overlooked but God elevated. You may feel insignificant in the grand scheme of things, but nothing could be further from the truth. God sees you. He knows your name. Your concerns matter to Him. The daughters of Zelophehad could have assumed their situation was hopeless, that no one cared about their family's inheritance. Instead, they discovered that God cared deeply. Whatever you're facing today, know that you're not forgotten. Bring your needs before the Lord with confidence. He delights in vindicating the overlooked and championing the cause of those who trust Him.

Deacons on Call

Ed Watson and Johnny Davis

Weekly Events

- **Worship:** Sundays at 9:45 AM
- **Small Groups:** Sundays at 11 AM
- **Deep Dive:** Wednesdays at Noon and 6:45 PM
- **First Kids:** See you at **VBS ... June 28-July 1**
- **First Youth:** See Eric for end of school and summer schedule

HAPPY
Mother's Day
WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

TODAY'S MESSAGE
**Hello, Our Name is
The Daughters of Zelophehad**
NUMBERS 27:1-11

Verses we all
need to Memorize 

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift
of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23 ESV

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