

## Passage to Ponder

Our passage to ponder this morning from today's Bible study is the first half of Joshua 2:1, it reads.

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." (Joshua 2:1a)

As you and I ponder this passage we can see an instruction from Jesus which is the Greek name for Joshua to secretly spy our spiritual territories.

The way that we can spy our spiritual territories is by looking at some of the illustrations in this chapter.

The first illustration we see is that the spy's heeded the word's of Joshua and then stepped out in faith to secretly spy out the land. We are to do the same, we are to heed the Jesus' word then step out in faith and secretly spy our spiritual lands through prayer.

We see two examples in the scriptures of how we can spy our spiritual lands in prayer.

The first is in Psalm 139:23-24 David prayed, Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

David in this passage sought God in prayer, he asked Him to search him and reveal to him the areas in his personal life that he needs to concur.

The second is in Mark 1:35-38 were told concerning Jesus, Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

Jesus in this passage sought God in prayer and as a result He received direction and guidance to concur new territories in His ministry.

This morning and every morning we can seek God in prayer and ask Him to reveal to us the areas in our personal life and in our ministry that we need to concur.

Another illustration we see in this chapter is when the spies' stepped out to spy the land they enemies that tried to attack them. This shows us that when we step out spy our spiritual territories through prayer our enemies who are Satan and his demons will try to attack us.

They will try to attack us by condemnation, but we like the spies can be safe from their attacks by hiding in the righteousness of Christ.

Our enemies will also try to attack us through discouragement, but we like the spy's can have courage because we know that God has already given us the land.

Lastly the last illustration we see in this chapter is after spying our spiritual territories in prayer we like the spies need to tell Jesus and wait on Him, for His power, guidance and direction to concur our land. When we do strength will arise and we will live a victorious Christian life.