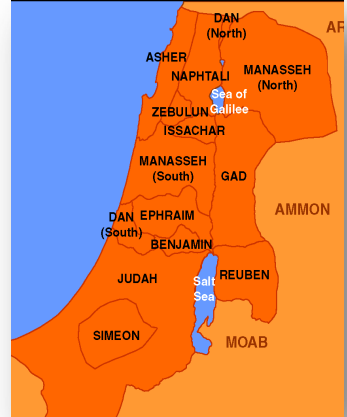


# ***Conquering the Challenge of Change***

**#13 in a Series on Victorious Living, Joshua 22:1-34**  
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## **Background**

- 12 Tribes (Gen 49; Num 32-33; Josh. 14:1-5; Deut. 3:12-20)
- Promise Land Conquest (Josh 6-21)
- Events of Joshua 22



## **When change happens...**

### **1. Actions and motives are often misunderstood.**

“...the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, a large altar in appearance.” (v. 10)

### **The Concern for Unity Among God’s People**

- Our unity depends on spiritual dedication. (v. 5)
- Our unity demands that we learn from the past. (vv. 17-20; Deut. 12:5; Lev. 17:8-9)

### **2. Success is not immediate but expectations are.**

“...In time to come your sons may say to our sons, ‘What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel? For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between us and you’...” (vv. 24-25, NASB)

### 3. People are passionate during times of transition.

“All the Israelites became very angry at these three tribes, so they met together and decided to fight them.” (v. 12, NCV)

#### We can avoid many of the pains of change by ...

##### ❖ **Examining a person’s history before passing judgment.**

“You have done everything that Moses the Lord’s servant ordered you to do, and you have obeyed all my commands.” (v. 2, TEV)

##### ❖ **Discovering the facts before we act.**

“<sup>13</sup> Then the sons of Israel sent...Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, <sup>14</sup>and with him ten chiefs, one chief for each father’s household from each of the tribes of Israel; and each one of them was the head of his father’s household among the thousands of Israel.” (vv. 13-14)

##### ❖ **Communicating honestly like a healthy family.** (vv. 15-29)

#### Key Principles During Times of Change

- Seek first to understand then to be understood.  
(1 Peter 2:23)
- Communicate the truth. (v. 30)

##### ❖ **Being gracious towards others.**

“Share with your relatives back home the great wealth you have taken from your enemies.” (v. 8, NLT)

##### ❖ **Seeking God every step of the way.** (vv. 5, 30-34)

(James 3:17; 1 Timothy 5:21)