



WEDNESDAYS *In the Word* WITH
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Instead

Instead, the people of Asher moved in among the Canaanites, who controlled the land, for they failed to drive them out.

Judges 1:32

God never intended for Israel to conquer the land of Canaan *easily*; He never intended it to happen quickly. Exodus 23:29-30 and Deuteronomy 7:22-24 both say that God intended to give them the land *little by little*.

Instead

- as a substitute or replacement; in the place or stead of someone or something
- in preference; as a preferred or accepted alternative

Do I accept, do I prefer an alternative to God's best? God's plan is a plan of abundance; a rich and satisfying life.

Our faith falters when we trust our circumstances more than our Savior.

Instead seems:

- fun, but God's plan brings more pleasure than we can imagine.
- familiar, but God's plan safe and trustworthy.
- far off, but God's plan is worth the wait.
- fatiguing, but God's plan is worth the work.

When I choose instead, I:

- Miss true intimacy with the Lord
- Turn the voice of Holy Spirit down
- Learn to be satisfied with less than God's best
- Create space between me and the Lord

Do the work necessary to dwell in the place He has planned for you. It will be a choice you never regret.

