

Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

I. The Preview of the Jabez Territory

A. The Description of the Jabez Territory

1. "Territory" means an area of LAND
2. "Border" means the dividing line that SEPERATES
3. "Enlarge" means to abundantly INCREASE

B. The Distinctives of the Jabez Territory

1. The Territory is not focused on property but PEOPLE
2. The Territory is not focused on money but MINISTRY
3. The Territory is not self-initiated but SPIRIT-DIRECTED
4. The Territory is not focused on comfort but CHANGE
5. The Territory is not limited but LIMITLESS

II. The Pitfalls of the Jabez Territory

Misconception #1: God is responsible for the results, not me! The Lord will hold you accountable for your life's PRODUCTIVITY

Misconception #2: God is interested in spiritual things, not numbers! The Lord desires your life to have both quality and QUANTITY

Misconception #3: If I'm doing God's will, I won't be afraid! The Lord will be with you even when you face FEAR

III. The Principles of the Jabez Territory

A. God will enlarge your territory, but you must break through your COMFORT ZONE

B. God will enlarge your territory, but you must overcome your BORDER BULLIES

C. God will enlarge your territory, but you must struggle to OCCUPY IT

Interact with Jabez

- 1 Take a piece of paper and draw a circle representing your current territory. Inside of those "borders" write the what and who God may include in your territory.
- 2 Many people are afraid to pray the Jabez prayer because of fear that God may answer it and enlarge their territory! What fears would cause them to feel that way, and how could they be defeated?
- 3 Have you ever experienced God enlarging your territory - even before you started praying the Jabez prayer? What happened?
- 4 When you think about your life, what areas do you think have been the most productive for the Lord? How could you maximize them even further?
- 5 Close your eyes and picture the "border bullies" standing at the edges of your "comfort zone." Who are they and how could you conquer them?