**Achsah’s Ask (Judges 1)**

The story of Achsah is one of the Bible’s most ignored stories, even though it occurs twice in the Bible. It is an inspiring story, which should encourage us to have bold faith and to ask God for great things.

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1. **How the book of Judges works**
	1. The period of Judges in the story of Scripture
	2. The cycle:
	3. *Almost* 12 judges: 6 major and 6 minor, and two appendices
	4. Judges we’ve considered previously at ELF: Ehud, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson
2. **Acknowledging Achsah**
	1. The most ignored woman in Scripture
	2. Achsah in Joshua 15:13-19
	3. The context of the book of Joshua
	4. Judges 1:11-15 in the context of the book of Judges
3. **Achsah’s Ask**
	1. The description, like Genesis 24:62-65
	2. The field, like Genesis 23
	3. The name, like Isaiah 3:18
	4. The water
		1. See Genesis 21:25-26
		2. Genesis 26:17-22, 31-33
		3. Genesis 36:24
	5. How Achsah shows what Israel should have done
4. **Applying the Ask**
	1. Standing on God’s promises today
	2. Recurring theme in Judges: effectiveness of just one person when they God’s presence
	3. Christ and Psalm 2:7-8