



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC God of Generations

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

What would you choose?

Given a choice between taking the easy way or narrow path, which would you choose? There are many of us who would, without hesitation, choose the easy way. Caleb, however, chose the narrow path which God had laid before him many years earlier and chose to take possession of a mountain occupied by giants.

Joshua 14:6-15 was dedicated to Caleb asking for his inheritance in an open dialogue with Joshua. In this sermon, we dive into this conversation between Caleb and Joshua that helps us understand why Caleb was given this special privilege of claiming the land.

God of Generations (Joshua 14:6-15)

In **Numbers 13-14**, God sent 12 Israelite spies into Canaan, the land which He had promised them. But of these, 10 spies returned terrified, carrying reports of giants, which ignited fear among the people despite God's promise of deliverance. Joshua and Caleb were the only two spies who were undaunted and they were counted faithful. Because of Israel's lack of faith in God, only Joshua and Caleb were permitted to set foot in the Promised Land. After five years of war, Joshua and his army conquered the land. It was then that Caleb came to Joshua for Kirjath-arba, the land promised by God to Caleb (**Num 14:24**). His conversation with Joshua (**Jos 14:6-15**) revealed an excellent spirit and characteristics of Caleb which we ought to desire so that we may experience more of God.

Caleb started by reminding Joshua that he (Joshua) was present when God made the promise through Moses (**Dt 1:34-36**) to give Caleb the land. Then in verse 9, he reminded Joshua again, as well as the sons of Judah (who were present at the dialogue to give official consent of the inheritance) of God's promise to him.

[Caleb was a man of conviction \(v.7-8\)](#)

Caleb was one of the only two spies who returned to Kadesh with faith that God would help conquer the land of Canaan. He was aware of the giants, but he was more focused on looking out for God and following His will. Such was a man of conviction who saw God and did not succumb to the popular opinion that encouraged fear. Similarly, we should also be looking out for God in all circumstances for God has promised that He will deliver us.

Caleb was a man of consistency (v.10-11)

Caleb did not boast – he was simply reminding the people that it was God who had empowered him to live, giving him the strength and enthusiasm, even at 85, to claim his inheritance. Despite the years of wandering in the wilderness and the reversal of leadership role from him to Joshua, Caleb persevered and held on to the promises of God. This was a man of consistency who was steadfast in the Lord. Despite his age, he had the same passion and enthusiasm for the Lord.

Caleb was a man of courage (v.12)

Caleb knew the challenges ahead – strong giants defending a fortified city on hill country. Yet, he looked beyond his circumstances unto the promises of the Lord. He was bold, claiming the promises of God; he was prepared to face death for the inheritance; and he was fully dependent on the presence, strength, and promises of God rather than his circumstances.

In the end, Joshua was more than willing to bless him with the inheritance (**v13**), and with God's grace and promise, Caleb overcame the Anakims and took possession of Hebron.

Conclusion

As human beings, it is easy for us to be like the 10 spies, blinded by the giants in our lives and neglecting our God of all generations who is ever-present. But Caleb was a man who lived his life built upon the promises of God. God has a place of peace and power for each of us; He wants to reveal more of Himself to us – His power, His provision, and His presence! Hence, let us be convicted, consistent, and courageous in following God fully, just like Caleb did, holding on tightly to the calling that God has given us, continuously serving Him regardless of our age, circumstance, or title.

QUESTIONS

How did Caleb and Joshua differ from the other 10 spies whom the Lord sent to spy on the land of Canaan?

Caleb's character was shaped by his experience of God. Share what is your primary experience of God in your life and how this has defined the way you live. Is it his goodness? His mercy? His faithfulness?

In which area of your discipleship journey is God calling you to grow more in? (eg. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness..etc) What are the promises of God that you can anchor upon to help yourself grow in faith and not fear?