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Joshua 14:6-15

Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. ⁷I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. ⁸But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. ⁹And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' ¹⁰And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. ¹¹I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. ¹²So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said."

¹³Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. ¹⁴Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel. ¹⁵Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Sermon Outline:

1. See what others cannot see (6-7)
2. Say what others will not say (7-8)
3. Keep going when others give up (9-11)
4. Do what others will not do (12)
5. Reap what others have not sown (13-14)

Life Group Leader Notes:





Pastor Michael told us a story of a faithful man named Caleb who served God with his whole heart. In fact, our passage of scripture today says the phrase “He wholly followed the Lord” 3 times, which means the author wants us to pay attention. Start the discussion by asking what the author wants us to latch onto.

- That word ‘fully’ is in our mission statement: We are called by the Grace of God, for the Glory of God, to become and multiply **fully**-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. What one step could you take today to move from being partially devoted to being fully devoted?
- Pastor Michael made a great observation when he said that we should never assume that two people looking at the same thing will experience it in the same way. How true that is! Can you think of a time where this was true in your spiritual life - perhaps when you had a different perspective? What was the experience?
- Any dead fish can go with the flow. Man, that hit me between the eyes when he said that. And this: “No one has ever been stoned for *seeing* the truth.” We are called to speak up. In what ways can you speak truth? What particular truth needs to be spoken in your circles?
- At 85 years of age, Caleb was as strong as he was in his 40 year-old youth (thanks for calling us 40 year olds youthful!) and he was just as ready to run into the battle. At this point, the land was not completely cleared of the original inhabitants. As a parallel, we still have sins that we minimize or never completely reject. What are you still holding onto and how can the members of the group help you move toward obedience?
- Ultimately, Caleb reaped what others had not sown, but even though he received the land of Hebron, Caleb viewed God himself as the ultimate inheritance. Can you truly say the same thing in your life? That is a hard, but beneficial reality check. If the answer is no, what change can you make this week to view God as the ultimate reward?

