

WORD

“So 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.” **JOSHUA 14:12**

(Read also **JOSHUA 10:6-11**.)

Caleb was one of the men sent to spy out the Promised Land. Despite the fortified cities and giants that stood in their way, Caleb knew in his heart that God would be with them to help them conquer the land—as He had promised. Caleb wholly trusted God’s promise and he had unwavering faith until the end, even when almost everyone else had lost all hope. In this lesson, we will look at how we can have faith like Caleb’s, so we can conquer the giants in our own lives.

1 See your situation from God’s perspective.

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” **NUMBERS 13:30**

The Bible says that Caleb had a different spirit (Numbers 14:24). We can have a spirit like everyone else’s, or we can have a different Spirit—God’s. We can see things the way everyone else does, or we can see things the way God does. Since God is in the business of turning our experiences (good or bad) into testimonies for His purpose, instead of allowing frustration, doubt, or discouragement to rule over us, we should allow God to help us see the situation the way He does. According to Philippians 4:13, what can you do through Christ?

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2 Follow God wholly.

“But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God.” **JOSHUA 14:8**

Caleb did not just partially commit Himself to the Lord. Even when the situation was causing many to fear, he *wholly followed the Lord*, as God intended him to do. We should have undivided devotion to God even when it’s not convenient, and the people around us say otherwise. What is the greatest commandment that Jesus taught in Matthew 22:36-38?

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3 Receive the promise in God’s time.

Therefore 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. **JOSHUA 14:14**

Caleb did not forget God’s promises, even when it took decades for these to be fulfilled. Instead, he took hold of them by faith. Though you may be in a situation that is not making sense right now, know that God is working everything for good (Romans 8:28). The right time might seem like the wrong time, but in God’s timeline, everything is on time. Why do you think God’s timeline is always best for us?

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