**CALEB’S MOUNTAIN**

*Wandering in the Wilderness*

SS Lesson 29

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Joshua 14

**Lesson Review:** In our previous lesson, we looked at a wonderful miracle that was done for the Israelites. God caused the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to stand still. First, we noted that Joshua refused to let his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hinder his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s ability and power. Joshua did not have to fear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he had God’s confirmation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before going into the battle. Additionally, Joshua had already seen God’s power through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that rained down from the sky. Amazingly, Joshua asked God for a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miracle, even though he had never seen such a thing done before. Secondly, we noted that Joshua recognized that the battle could not be won without the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He recognized that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provided an opportunity for the enemy to gain an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the battle. He also recognized that the light was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the children of God to have victory in the battle. Finally, we noted that Joshua received an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ answer from God. The Lord literally stilled the sun and the moon. The miracle would have been felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible notes that the Lord \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the voice of a man. This shows us how willing He is to respond to the bold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His people. Joshua’s prayer had far-reaching effects that were felt by countless others all around the world…After the events of Joshua 10, the next three chapters of Joshua summarize several years of battles and victories in the Promised Land and shift the focus toward the settling of Israel in the land of Canaan. That leads us to the lesson on *Caleb’s Mountain* that we will be looking at today based on Joshua 14. Let’s observe the following truths:

1. **EVEN AFTER MANY YEARS, CALEB HAD NOT FORGOTTEN THE PROMISE OF GOD TO HIM.**
2. **Notice that Moses, through the Lord’s Word, had promised a special inheritance for Caleb because of his faith in the Lord.** *Joshua 14:6 “Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.”* *Deuteronomy 1:36 “Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the Lord.”* Caleb had been singled out by God through Moses because he “wholly followed the Lord.” God promised him and his descendants an inheritance in the land, specifically, the very territory he had explored as a faithful spy. Despite the delay, Caleb kept that word alive in his heart. He trusted not in his position, strength, or effort, but in the faithfulness of God to fulfill what He had said. This reminds us that God's promises are personal, precise, and permanent. Caleb held onto a promise for 45 years, never losing confidence that God would keep His word. Many believers today lose heart in much shorter spans of waiting. Yet, when God speaks through His Word, we should treasure it, meditate on it, and walk by it every day, even when fulfillment seems distant. Like Caleb, let us live with a long memory of what God has said, trusting that every word He has spoken will come to pass in His perfect time. Surely, we look forward in eagerness to the promise of Heaven.
3. **Notice that Caleb was not afraid to remind Joshua of the promise that God had made.** *Joshua 14:9 “And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God.”* Caleb did not hesitate to bring up what God had said. He was not boasting, and he was not making a demand. Rather, he was pointing back to a promise — a specific oath given by Moses under the authority of God. Caleb knew it was not wrong to claim what God had clearly offered. He didn’t need flattery or politics to get his inheritance. His confidence rested not in Joshua’s generosity, but in God’s faithfulness. The boldness of Caleb’s request was rooted in a humble reliance on the surety of God's Word. Christians should never be afraid to boldly lay hold on the promises of God, not out of arrogance but out of faith. Caleb teaches us that it is not presumptuous to believe that God will do what He said. When we pray according to His will, when we serve with faithfulness, and when we trust His promises, we should not hesitate to act with bold expectation. God is honored when His people take Him at His Word. Caleb’s boldness should challenge us to be confident in claiming God’s promises. While we know that we are not worthy of God’s grace, we can humbly accept that God wants to display His goodness toward us.
4. **EVEN AFTER MANY BATTLES, CALEB HAD NOT LOST ANY OF HIS STRENGTH (FROM GOD).**
5. **Notice that Caleb was still very much strong mentally and spiritually.** *Joshua 14:10 “And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.”* Caleb didn’t just survive the wilderness years; he thrived in them. At 85, he spoke with clarity, confidence, and spiritual passion. His mind was still sharp, and his spirit was still burning with purpose. He had not allowed discouragement, bitterness, or time to cloud his vision of what God had promised. Where many would have grown cynical or tired after years of delay, Caleb remained vibrant in spirit. He had not only endured, but he had been strengthened in his inner man. His testimony was not just one of physical preservation, but of spiritual resilience. True strength is not measured only by physical ability, but by spiritual vitality. Caleb’s enduring strength of mind and spirit challenges us to consider what kind of attitude we’ve allowed to settle into our lives over time. Are we growing weary and forgetful of God's promises? A believer who continues in the Word, in prayer, and in service can remain spiritually sharp even when the body begins to slow down.
6. **Notice that Caleb was still very much strong in faith and in fight.** *John 14:11 “As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.”* Caleb boldly declared that he was just as strong now for battle as he was forty-five years earlier. Whether this was a supernatural preservation of his body or a reflection of unshaken determination, the point is clear that he was still ready to fight. His faith had not weakened with age. He had not settled into a life of comfort or disengagement. He was not relying on physical stamina alone; he was drawing strength from the God who had never failed him. Many Christians lose their fight long before they lose their strength. They may still go through the motions, but they no longer press forward in faith. Caleb challenges us to stay spiritually aggressive: to keep pursuing growth, to keep resisting sin, to keep engaging in the work of God. Just because you’ve served for years, it doesn’t mean your battles are over. The Christian life is a continual fight of faith, and we must not put our swords down while there’s still ground to gain.
7. **EVEN AFTER MANY OPTIONS, CALEB CHOSE THE CHALLENGE OF MOUNT HEBRON.**
8. **Notice that Caleb chose the very mountain where the giants still lived.** *Joshua 14:12-13 “Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.”* Caleb was not limited to choosing a difficult inheritance; he deliberately chose one. He could have requested a quiet valley, a peaceful plain, or a city already conquered, but instead he asked for the region known for its giants. This was not the easy way. The Anakims were the very people who had caused Israel to tremble in fear. Their cities were large and well-fortified. Caleb did not shy away. He knew that God had promised him that land, and though it still presented a challenge, he wanted the land that God had spoken of. In our walk with God, we often look for the easiest path or the most convenient option. True faith is not afraid of challenge. Caleb teaches us that if God has called us to a place, we should not be content with less. The Christian life involves struggle, opposition, and spiritual giants, but it also comes with the assurance that God goes with us. We should not measure our decisions by ease, but by whether they are in line with God’s promises.
9. **Notice that Caleb’s mountain became one of the most important places in all of Israel.** *1 Chronicles 29:27 “And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.” Joshua 21:13 “Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs,”* The place once feared for its giants became known as the land of Caleb. Hebron was not only conquered but transformed. It was renamed from Kirjatharba, the city of Arba (the greatest of the giants), to Hebron, which became a place of peace and rest. In the years to follow, Hebron would become a city of refuge, a Levitical city, and eventually the first capital of King David. The land Caleb had claimed by faith would become a spiritual and political center for the nation of Israel. His mountain became more than an inheritance; it became a legacy. When we choose the hard path of obedience and faith, we often have no idea how far-reaching the results will be. Caleb didn’t ask for Hebron because of what it would become: he asked for it because God had promised it. His act of courage and faith opened the door for generations of blessing. The same can be true for us.