

COURAGEOUS WARRIOR – Five Warrior Traits (part 1)

Joshua 15-20

Caleb was not all talk and no action!

(Joshua 15:14, 15)

First trait of a “courageous warrior.”

Warriors have a faith that follows.

“Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.” - Mike Tyson

(2 Corinthians 4:8-9) We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

(Romans 8:18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Glory – doxa: opinion, judgement, view.

(Hebrews 13:7) Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

(v.16-19) Second trait

Warriors are examples.

(1 Corinthians 11:1) Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

(v.18-19) Achsah followed her father’s “example.”

Warriors are “examples” (ambassadors) of faith for others to follow.

(2 Corinthians 5:20) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

(17:3-6) Third trait

Warrior’s heritage.

Zelophehad daughters were, Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. (Joshua 17:4)

(1 Peter 1:3-5) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Fourth trait

Warriors resist compromise.

Tribe of Judah – (Joshua 15:63) As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

Tribe of Ephraim – (Joshua 16:10) And they did not drive out the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites to this day and have become forced laborers.

Half-Tribe of Manasseh (west) – (Joshua 17:12-13) Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities, but the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. And it happened, when the children of Israel grew strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

Canaanites would become a “cancer” to Israel.

Song of Solomon 2:15 - “It’s the little foxes that spoil the vines.”

(Hebrews 12:1-2) “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...”

(Luke 22:31-32) And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

Two-fold the “remedy” for “compromise.”

1) “Return to Me.”

2) Strengthen your brethren.

(v.17b, 18b) Yet they tolerated “sin.”

Compromise is simply changing the question to fit the answer. Merrit Malloy

(James 2:19) You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!

CONCLUSION:

There are times when we do not feel like “warriors,” but “losers!”

(Matthew 3:17b) "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

(Luke 2:14b) “...peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” (NLT)

If you are in Christ, God is as well-pleased” with you!

(2 Corinthians 5:21) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.