

Give Me This Mountain: Joshua 14:6-15

Intro: reader Avalynn Perkins. My first response to the story of Caleb is repentance. This ordinary man had an extra ordinary commitment, conviction, endurance, humility, and confidence in God and his promises. I want to be like Caleb. He practiced our verse from chapter 1:9 ...Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

I. He followed God wholeheartedly.

- a. Joshua 14:8,9,14
- b. Numbers 14:24

II. He stood up in the face of negativity.

- a. Numbers 13:26- 14
- b. Spies – ten were bad and two were good. This cost them their lives and a generation to parish in the desert.
- c. He followed 45 years in obscurity with a doubting people

III. He was Confident in his old age.

- a. At 85 he says Give Me This Mountain. V.11-12 . at 85 he still had his climbing boots on.
- b. He was humble in his confidence. V.10 “he has kept me alive for forty-five years”.
- c. He took the land of giants with the promise of God. Hebron was called Kiriath Arba after Arba, who was the greatest of all the giants among the Anakites.

Conclusion: If not wholeheartedly devoted to God then what? William Carey, father of missions, said “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” This is a Caleb spirit. God gives us a different spirit. God give us a wholehearted devotion. God give us a humble confidence. God give us strength to stand against the negativity of others. God give us endurance over the long haul. God give us faith in the promises of your word.