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"Determination's Payday"

From the Series,
"Building Momentum"

Joshua 14:6-14

Preached Sunday 12/28/14

Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Timing of Delayed Blessing (6a)

"Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him..."

- a. It had been a time of Wavering - most chose not to believe and enter the promised land
- b. It had been a time of Wandering - the sentence for unbelief is living in barrenness until death
- c. It had been a time of Wailing - there is a deeper sorrow for those who die in the place of unclaimed blessing
- d. It had been a time of Waiting - those who did believe God were forced to live among those who doubted
- e. It had been a time of Warring - once they came close to the place of blessing, the battle intensified

2. The Tale of Delayed Blessing (6b-9)

6b "You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. 7 I 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. 8 But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. 9 And 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.'

- a. God spoke a word (6b) - "...You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me..."

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- b. Caleb received a work (7a) - "I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land,..."
- c. Caleb gave a witness (7b) - "...and I brought him word again as it was in my heart..."
- d. Others went wayward (8a) - "...But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt..."
- e. God promised reward (8b-9) - "...yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. 9 And 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.'

3. The Triumph of Delayed Blessing (10-14)

10 And 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. 11 I 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. 12 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." 13 Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 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."

- a. The long delay before obtaining the blessing (10) - "...the Lord hath kept me alive just as He said, these forty-five years..."
- b. The lasting desire to receive the blessing (11) - "I 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." He had not lost his vision, desire, nor confidence!
- c. The lifelong dependence to gain the blessing (12) - 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."
- d. The long awaited deposit of the blessing (13-14) - "13 Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance... 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."