

(Josh. 14:6-15)

⁶ Then the [tribe of the] sons of Judah approached Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh-barnea.

⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to scout the land [of Canaan], and I brought a report back to him as it was in my heart. ⁸ My brothers (fellow spies) who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God completely.

⁹ So Moses swore [an oath to me] on that day, saying, 'Be assured that the land on which your foot has walked will be an inheritance to you and to your children always, because you have followed the LORD my God completely.'

¹⁰ And now, look, the Lord has let me live, just as He said, these forty-five years since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, look at me, I am eighty-five years old today.

¹¹ I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so is my strength now, for war and for going out and coming in... ¹² So now, give me this hill country about which the Lord spoke that day, for you heard on that day that the [giant-like] Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said....

¹³ So Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.... ¹⁴ Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, completely.

¹⁵ The name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba [city of Arba]; for Arba was the greatest man among the [giant-like] Anakim. Then the land had rest from war." Amp

(Numbers 23:19), "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good and fulfill it? Amp

(2 Cor. 4:8), "We are pressured in every way [hedged in], but not crushed; perplexed [unsure of finding a way out], but not driven to despair; 9 hunted down and persecuted, but not deserted [to stand alone]; struck down, but never destroyed..."

Amp

Sometimes our battle is twofold:

It can come from those who are closest to us

It can be from enemy forces who oppose us!!

I. His confidence never faded:

(Joshua 14:9,10) ⁹ So Moses swore [an oath to me] on that day, saying, 'Be assured that the land on which your foot has walked will be an inheritance to you and to your children always, because you have followed the Lord my God completely.....'

¹⁰ And now, look, the Lord has let me live, just as He said, these forty-five years since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, look at me, I am eighty-five years old today." Amp

(Rom. 8:28), "And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose." AMP "

II. His strength never failed

(Joshua 14:11), "I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so is my strength now, for war and for going out and coming in."

Caleb had been through the difficult years of the desert and overcome..... As a result, he had unparalleled strength.

III. His God never forgot (Joshua 14:13-15

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14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, completely..."

Oh that we would have the faith of Caleb!!!!

- 1. His confidence never faded
- 2. His strength never failed
- 3. His God never forgot

