

**SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 080915**  
**SERIES: STAND IN THE GAP**  
**Week #5 - With a Different Spirit (CALEB)**

**Ezekiel 22:30 (NLT)**

*"I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to **stand in the gap** in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.*

**Numbers 13:31-14:4 (ESV)**

31 Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." 32 So they brought to the people of Israel a **bad report of the land** that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them." 1 Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

**Numbers 14:6-9 (ESV)**

6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the LORD delights in us, **he will bring us** into this land and **give it to us**, a land that flows with milk and honey. 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and **the LORD is with us; do not fear them.**"

## 1. CALEB TRUSTED HIS GOD MORE THAN HIS OPPOSITION

Where you place your trust will **poison** those around you or **propel** them.

## 2. CALEB FULLY FOLLOWED THE LORD

**Numbers 14:24 (ESV)**

24 But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has **followed me fully**, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

British revivalist Henry Varley: "The world has yet to see what God will do with a man fully consecrated to him."

Evangelist D.L. Moody: "I aim to be that man!"

**Joshua 14:10-12 (ESV)**

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."

## 3. CALEB NEVER GAVE UP