

12 Noon Bible Study @ Friendship

WEEK 5 | STILL MOVING FORWARD

GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN



Primary Scripture Passage: Joshua 14:6-14

Key Verse: Joshua 14:12 (KJV) - "Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day..."

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

Many people assume that growing older means our usefulness is ending, but Caleb gives us a very different testimony. At eighty-five, he remembered God's promise, acknowledged God's keeping power, and remained ready to face a difficult assignment. This lesson encourages senior adults to see their years as a source of spiritual wisdom and witness rather than a reason to withdraw from Christian service.

INTRODUCTION

Caleb first trusted the Lord when Israel was afraid to enter Canaan (Numbers 13-14). Though the nation spent years in the wilderness, he did not abandon what God had promised. Now, forty-five years after the earlier promise, Caleb comes to Joshua at the age of eighty-five and asks for the hill country where the Anakim lived. His words, "Give me this mountain," teach us to remember God's Word, give thanks for His faithfulness, and continue serving with courage in every season of life.

KEY WORDS

Caleb - Hebrew: כלב (Kalev); Joshua 14:6. Caleb, son of Jephunneh, was one of the faithful spies who believed that God could give Israel the land (Numbers 13:6, 30). His life illustrates courage rooted in trust rather than confidence in personal ability.

Inheritance - Hebrew: נחלה (nachalah); Joshua 14:9. An inheritance is a portion or possession allotted to someone, often passed on to descendants. For Caleb it meant receiving the land God had promised to him and his children.

Wholehearted / Wholly Followed - Hebrew phrase: מלאתי אהרי (mille'ti acharei); Joshua 14:8. The wording expresses following the Lord fully and with undivided loyalty. Caleb remained committed to God when most of the spies gave way to fear.

Legacy - Related Hebrew word: דֹר (dor, "generation"); Psalm 145:4. "Legacy" is not the direct translation of dor, but Scripture connects generations through testimony. A godly legacy is the faith and example we pass on to children, younger believers, and our church family.

LESSON OUTLINE

1. _____ What God Promised

Joshua 14:6-9 (KJV)

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

Caleb remembered what the Lord had spoken even after many years of waiting. He did not measure God's faithfulness by the speed of the promise's fulfillment. We can remain confident in what God has truly promised, even when the journey is long.

2. _____ That God Has Kept You

Joshua 14:10-11 (KJV)

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Caleb openly credited the Lord for keeping him alive through forty-five years. His gratitude turned the length of his life into a testimony of divine faithfulness. Each new season invites us to remember how God has sustained us.

3. Keep Pursuing God's _____

Joshua 14:12 (KJV)

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

Caleb asked for the difficult territory because he still looked to the Lord for help. At eighty-five, he understood that usefulness in God's kingdom was not measured by age alone. The church still needs the prayers, wisdom, encouragement, mentoring, and faithful service of seasoned believers.

LIFE APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

Caleb's example invites us to identify one meaningful way to serve the Lord in this season of life. Our next "mountain" might be praying more faithfully, mentoring a younger believer, learning Scripture, reconciling a relationship, sharing a testimony, or participating in ministry. Pray about one spiritual goal, write it below, and take a practical first step toward it during the coming week.

Complete this statement

"As long as God gives me life, I still want to..."