

Dare to be a Caleb

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- Caleb - son of Jephunneh the Kennizzite (Josh 14:6) - not full-blooded Jew
- Caleb's father was apparently in Egypt w/ Israelites - don't know how
- Caleb spied out land (Num 13:21-22) Hebron mentioned
- Hebron - special because part of land Abraham owned in his lifetime. Gen 23:19; chp 49,50
- Hebron area : the land Caleb requests Josh 14:11-12; Deut 1:36
- Land most difficult to conquer Num 13:27-28; 32-33 (sons of Anak)

Lessons:

- Caleb had faith in God, NOT his circumstances!
- Caleb had a LONG faith in His God (47+years!)

II. How to be like Caleb

- Choose to trust God first and foremost in every situation
 - Job trusted God when things looked bleak Job 13:15
 - Man w/ sick child: Asked God to strengthen his faith: Mk 9:24
 - God is always faithful to answer the prayer for faith: Ezra 8:22
 - Remember God's promises, not the circumstances - Num 14:9
 - Remember we don't fight using worldly methods: Word & prayer
 - Even if you're old it is not too late: Caleb was 85 when he took Hebron! Joshua 15:13-19

III. Jesus' work means you can be like Caleb

- Hebrews 11 - hall of faith. Caleb isn't mentioned... but he is: Heb 11:32-34
- Because of Christ's Gospel work we have victory!
- Heb 12:1-3 We are to look to Jesus - the founder and perfecter of our faith!
- Remember Power & Purpose of the Gospel
- Remember the Gospel - why Jesus redeemed you!
 - Power - Christ has atoned for our sins, we no longer stand condemned
 - Purpose: Christ has purchased us holiness so we now serve God with victory!
- Have faith and don't believe the lies of the world, circumstances, etc. but instead remember the Power and Purpose of the Gospel and live with bold and vibrant faith in Jesus each and every moment!

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