

WAITING WELL: LEARNING FROM CALEB

Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. 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. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. **Joshua 14:6-8 ESV**

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.' 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. 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. 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." 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. Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war. **Joshua 14:9-15 ESV**

WAITING WELL REQUIRES A 'DIFFERENT SPIRIT'

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. **Numbers 14:24 ESV**

FAITH not FEAR

But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. **Joshua 14:8 ESV**

ATTITUDE is EVERYTHING

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God... **Romans 12:2 ESV**

BITTERNESS will poison your potential.

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; **Hebrews 12:15 ESV**

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **Ephesians 4:31 ESV**

JEALOUSY AGES YOU BEYOND YOUR YEARS

A tranquil heart is life to the body, but jealousy is rottenness to the bones. **Proverbs 14:30 CSB**

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. **James 3:14-16 ESV**

POSSES what has been CONQUERED

So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses.... **Joshua 11:23 ESV**

Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the Lord said to him, “You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. **Joshua 13:1 ESV**

LABELS aren't LIDS

CALEB the “Kenizzite”

CALEB the “DOG”

NEVER retire from your PURPOSE