

Sermon notes
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“The Faithful God”

Verses

Joshua 14:6-15(ESV)

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. ⁹ 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.’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.”

¹³ Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba.^[a] (Arba^[b] was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Numbers 13:27,28 and 31)

“We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong,

and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.... We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are" (Numbers 13:27, 28, 31).

Numbers 13:30- Caleb said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it

Joshua 14:12

"Give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said"

Numbers 14:8

"If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land," he said on that day at Kadesh-barnea (Numbers 14:8)

C. S. Lewis says "the first step on the path to humility is to realize that we do not have it, and that is too big a step for most of us."

1 peter 5:5b

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

**"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain"
(Psalm 127:1)**

**"You know what the Lord said to Moses ... concerning you and me"
(Joshua 14:6)**

2nd Corinthians 1:

²⁰ For ^lall the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our ^mAmen to God for his glory. ²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and ⁿhas anointed us, ²² and who has also ^oput his seal on us and ^pgiven us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Questions:

Grow Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- What are some moments which have really revealed what's going on in your heart?
- How did Caleb and Joshuas understanding in Gods faithfulness to them inspire faith in them? What inspires faith in you? When has Gods faithfulness and commitment to you inspired you to be more faithful to him?
- What is encouraging about the reality that our faith does not cause or negate Gods faithfulness to us?
- Why was Caleb so confident in his request in Joshua 14 for his inheritance?
- Have you ever viewed Israels time in the wilderness as wasted? What are other stories in scripture you've wondered the same thing about? How might Gods perspective help us see Gods purposes in those stories?
- How can a heart of humility help us grow in our Faith in God and his purposes?
- Do you really believe God is more interested in who you are becoming than what you accomplish? What is the evidence of this in your life? How might you allow life this next week to make it your goal to Know Jesus?
- Are you in the wilderness right now? Are you on the edge of Gods promises? What do you think God is trying to do in you right now?

- How can your Grow group support you in applying this teaching to your life this week?