

Wed Night



## FRESH ENCOUNTER

# A SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

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 (Joshua 14:6-12) - Anakims families of giants

### INTRODUCTION

- Caleb & Joshua were the only 2 spies who believed God & gave a good report back to Moses

1. Retain **YOUR WILLING SPIRIT** (v. 6-7) <sup>hold on tight</sup>  
 (for more than 40 years)

A. A Spirit of faith (in God's words)

<sup>giants</sup> <sup>Num 13:33</sup> <sup>Deut 9:2</sup> <sup>Josh 15:13</sup> "Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." (Numbers 13:28-30)

<sup>Caleb</sup> <sup>age</sup> <sup>40yrs</sup>

Children of Anak (Josh 15:14)


"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" (2 Corinthians 5:7)

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:  
7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been  
taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

## B. A Spirit of obedience

Also ~~mean~~  
mean  
to Noah  
to go  
to grace  
(Gen 6-8)

"And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 But as  
truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.  
22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles,  
which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now  
these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice 23 Surely they  
shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall  
any of them that provoked me see it: 24 But my servant Caleb, because  
he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will  
I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it."  
(Numbers 14:20-24)

 **Quote:** "Attitude determines altitude."

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have  
kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things  
have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your  
joy might be full." (John 15:10-11)

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.  
4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar,  
and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily  
is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that  
saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."  
(1 John 2:3-6)

## 2. Remain **READY FOR THE BATTLE** <sup>always</sup> (v. 8-11) <sup>ready</sup>

### A. Through Spiritual teach-ability

ready to  
learn

"Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give  
the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath  
wholly followed the LORD." (Deuteronomy 1:36)

### B. Through Spiritual transition

"And Moses swore 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." (Joshua 14:9)

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION

SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

- Caleb helped Joshua conquer the land  
\* Caleb finally saw his inheritance

### C. Through Spiritual Testimony

*"And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?"  
(Exodus 15:24)*

*"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good  
pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:"  
(Philippians 2:13-14)*

Caleb  
stayed  
faithful  
during  
apostasy

*"They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded  
them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and  
have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which  
have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 9 And the LORD said unto  
Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:"  
(Exodus 32:8-9)*

*"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No  
man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he  
may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (2 Timothy 2:3-4)*

### 3. Resolve TO FINISH WITH HONOR <sup>decide</sup> (v. 12-14)

#### A. Still believing

*"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. 13 And Joshua  
blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an  
inheritance." (Joshua 14:12-13)*

#### B. Still faithful

*"And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the Lord, saying,  
Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him,  
Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron."  
(2 Samuel 2:1)*

King  
David's  
later  
actions

*"And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the  
house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-  
gilead were they that buried Saul." (2 Samuel 2:4)*

*"And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was  
seven years and six months." (2 Samuel 2:11) <sup>7 1/2 years</sup>*

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- we do not know anything about Caleb's  
1st 40 years of life

## Faithful

- TO THE LORD
- TO THE LAND
- TO THE LEADER (to both Moses & Joshua)

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### CONCLUSION

- Caleb knew slavery in Egypt
- Caleb saw the miracles in Egypt
- Caleb survived wandering 40 years in the Sinai Wilderness
- Caleb participated in conquering the land
- Caleb received his inheritance in Hebron in land of Judah
- Caleb 40 yrs old & Moses 80 yrs old when both left Egypt

## PRAYER LIST

### CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor and Family                      Thanksgiving Dinner  
Leadership Team and Ministry Staff

### CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

SLC Dining Hall Remodel              Worship Center Remodel

### SPECIAL REQUESTS

President Biden                      Laborers for the Harvest  
Armed Forces                      Law Enforcement  
Firefighters                      Medical Personnel



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