

“Give Me This Mountain”

Joshua 14:6-15

A. Introduction

1. Under the leadership of Joshua, Israel has now entered the land God promised.
2. They had defeated all who had come against them, & seen many miracles.
3. Crossing the Jordan, to the fall of Jericho, & witnessing the sun standing still.
4. Forty-five years have passed since Kadesh Barnea, & sending out of 12 spies.
5. Most of the older generation has died on the desert wandering, but Caleb remains.
6. Time has not diminished his faith—it has refined it.
7. Faith that trusts God’s promise does not weaken with time; it grows stronger and bolder.

B. Faith That Remembers God’s Promise (vv. 6–9)

1. Caleb remembered exactly what God said through Moses. (Num 14:24)
2. Faith is strengthened by remembering, not revising, God’s Word.
3. Caleb stood alone—but he stood faithful.
4. “*...I brought him back a report according to my convictions.*” (v. 7)
5. Ten spies spread fear, but Caleb followed the Lord wholeheartedly.
6. Faith does not depend on the majority view; it depends on God’s promise.
7. What promise has God spoken over your life that you must not forget?
8. Are you allowing fear to rewrite what God has already said?

C. Caleb Was The Optimistic Spy

1. Caleb was one of the twelve spies sent by Moses (Num. 13:6).
2. He believed Israel could conquer Canaan (Num. 13:30-32).
3. Only Caleb and Joshua survived when the other doubting spies died in unbelief.
4. Faith-filled obedience leads to life and longevity.

D. Kept Alive for This Adventure (v. 10)

1. “*just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years.*”
2. Caleb recognized that his life was preserved by God’s purpose.
3. God keeps His people alive for future obedience, not past memories.
4. We have been kept alive for the adventures of this new year.
5. God has a lifelong purpose for each of us.
6. Advancing years add depth to the adventure of faith:
 - a. More wisdom
 - b. Greater respect
 - c. Stronger faith
 - d. Deeper usefulness
7. Do not allow age to shrink your faith.
8. God still has Kingdom adventures for every season of life.
9. Are you looking forward to what He has in store for you?

E. Strength for the Assignment (vv. 10–11)

1. At eighty-five, Caleb refused to believe he was too weak.
2. He focused on God's sufficiency rather than personal limitation.
3. Sometimes we think only of their ailments.
4. Caleb, at eighty-five, thought of the joy of adventure.
5. *"I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out..."*
6. His strength flowed from his faith, not from youth.
7. God provides strength for every calling (Deut. 33:25; Phil. 4:13).
8. Caleb believed God had prepared him for this task.
9. God equips us all, for everything He calls us to do.

F. Faith That Still Seeks New Ground (vv. 12–13)

1. *"Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day."* (v. 12)
2. Caleb did not ask for comfort—he asked for challenge.
3. He chose mountain territory, not the easy ground.
4. Giants did not intimidate him.
5. Same giants—same God.
6. True faith does not retire; it advances.
7. Are you asking God for safe ground or faith ground?
8. Spiritual maturity should lead to greater courage, not less.

G. Faith That Leaves a Legacy (vv. 14–15)

1. *"Hebron belongs to Caleb... because he followed the LORD wholeheartedly."*
2. Caleb's faith secured an inheritance.
3. His life became a testimony to future generations.
4. Obedient faith ultimately brought rest to the land.
5. A wholehearted life leaves a lasting witness.
6. What will remain because you trusted God?
7. Will your faith inspire the next generation to believe?

H. Conclusion

1. Doing God's will is life's greatest adventure we can have.
2. The adventure begins with salvation by grace (Eph. 2:8–9).
3. God has great plans for all who believe.
4. Caleb believed when others doubted.
5. He waited when others wandered.
6. He asked boldly when others settled.
7. Caleb's challenge becomes ours:
8. *"Give me this mountain."*
9. A Final Question we need to ask:
10. What mountain has God placed before you?
11. Will you trust Him—no matter your age, season, or opposition?