

# Give Me This Mountain!

## Introduction

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

**1. The Old Testament is a rich source of excellent lessons. This is especially true in character studies. Important lessons are learned about our relationship with God and what it takes to please Him as we examine the lives of the spiritual giants of the Old Testament.**

**A. I want to share with you some lessons that I have learned from one of my favorite Old Testament characters, yet one who is often overlooked.**

**Joshua 14:6-13; 15:13-14**

**3. Caleb requested a mountain. Forty years pass from the time he had first laid his eyes upon it, and God grants his request. Why? Why did God give him his mountain?**

**A. The answers to these questions produce important lessons for us today.**

4. In this lesson there are three things I want us to look at:
- A. **The Man...Caleb.** Who was he and where did he come from? What kind of man was he? What motivated his actions?
  - B. **The Mountain.** Caleb made a remarkable request, "Give me this mountain" (Joshua 14:12). When others might have wanted an easier possession Caleb wanted the hill country and the well fortified stronghold that belonged to the giants of Anak. What does this request tell us about the man?
  - C. **The Message.** Believing that the story of Caleb is included by the Holy Spirit in the divine record for a purpose, what are the lessons that God intended that we should learn from his life?

## The Man

1. Most of what is said in Scripture about Caleb is revealed to us in Numbers 13-14. (RELATE THE STORY)
  - A. Caleb was a Recognized And Respected Leader.  
**Numbers 13:1-3**
    - 1) Each spy was selected because he was "every one a leader among them".. v.3
    - 2) The people knew Caleb. They trusted him with their lives, their future.

**B. Caleb was a Man Of Courage... (demonstrated in three ways)**

**1) Accepted a dangerous assignment.**

**Numbers 13:21**

- a. It takes nerve and faith in God to venture into the unknown.
- b. He was not afraid to take risks.

**2) He challenged the people to face the giants**

**Numbers 13:30**

- a. He Later faced them on his own

Joshua 15:13-14 Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, namely, Kirjath Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). **Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there:...**

- 3) When his life was on the line and the people threatened to stone him (Numbers 14:10), he didn't look down, look back, or change his message.**

**C. Dedicated To The Cause.**

**Numbers 13:3**

- 1) To spy for forty days in a land of giants is not an easy task, it required a commitment to go through with it.**

**D. A Man Of Faith And Complete Trust In God.**

**Numbers 13:26-30; 14:8-9**

## The Mountain

1. **Caleb's request:** "Now therefore, give me this mountain" (Joshua 14:12).
  - A. **The hill country of Hebron belonged to the sons of Anak.**
    - 1) **These were men of great size** (Numbers 13:33), **men renowned as warriors.**
  - B. **Yet, Caleb asks... "Joshua, give me this mountain." Let me take Hebron? I'm 85 years old but I'll take on the giants... Moses promised me this land, and I'll take it!**
  - C. **I see two things in the mountains of Hebron.**
    - 1) **A challenge to Caleb's faith.** Here was a work that needed doing and an obstacle to be overcome... and Caleb's faith was up to the challenge!
    - 2) **An opportunity for God to demonstrate His faithfulness** to keep His promises. Caleb trusted God, launched forth in obedience, and was blessed.

## The Message

1. **Believing that the story of Caleb is included by the Holy Spirit in the divine record for a purpose, what are the lessons that God intended that we should learn from his life?**
  - A. **A lesson in character.** Caleb was first and foremost a man of God. Such character is sorely needed in our generation.
    - 1) **Courage; unafraid to venture into the unknown.**

2 Timothy 1:6-8 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For **God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

2 Timothy 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and **am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.**

## **2) Faith in the promises of God.**

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

### **B. We're going to face our own mountains. Some of them will be formidable. They will take various forms.**

- 1) A personal weakness; possibly an addiction of some sort.**
- 2) A difficult task that needs doing. Maybe a door of opportunity is open to us.**
- 3) Like Caleb, these mountains will be a challenge to our faith. The question is, will our faith be up to these challenges?**

### **C. Be faithful to God and claim His promises for yourself.**

Matthew 6:33 "But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

- 1) Caleb's key to success is our key to success today.**

## Conclusion

1. **Friends and brethren, with God we don't have to be afraid to face our mountains.**
  - A. **With “FAITH” and God on our side we can face them with courage and confidence.**

Matthew 17:20 ..... “I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”

2. **But we must follow Caleb's example and follow the Lord fully. We can't hold back, we can't doubt, we can't waver. We've got to do His will.**  
**James 1:6-8; Matthew 7:21**

