

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

FAITH ON FULL

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What can we learn and apply from the life of Caleb?

1. We can do what he did and follow the Lord fully.

A. Every true believer is a follower of the Lord.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. Matthew 16:24

B. Every true believer needs to follow completely.

2. We can do what he did and cling to God's promises tightly.

*"So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.' And now behold, the LORD has let me live, **just as He spoke**, these forty-five years, from the time that **the LORD spoke** this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today. Now then give me this hill country **about which the LORD spoke on that day**" Joshua 14:9-10, 12a*

A. The Bible is a book of divine promises.

B. The Bible makes a difference in a heart of good soil.

"And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance." Luke 8:15

C. God likes it when we remind Him of His Word.

And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Romans 4:19-21

3. We can do what he did and face our giants confidently.

... and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today. "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in. "Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that

Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out as the LORD has spoken." Joshua 14:10-12

A. We can overcome the grasshopper complex.

So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." Numbers 13:32-33

B. We can overcome getting stuck in the past.

C. We can overcome the challenges of aging.

D. We can overcome the challenges of complacency.

*So Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully.
Joshua 14:13-14*

What is keeping you from following in Caleb's footsteps?