

**AS MY STRENGTH WAS THEN  
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NUMBERS 13:27-33; JOSHUA 14:6-14**

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Introduction:

You remember how that Moses had led the people to the edge of the promise land.

They had been delivered out of Egypt.

They had been fed with manna from Heaven.

They enjoyed water that flowed from a rock to quench their thirst.

Then Moses sent spies out to see the promise land.

Only Joshua and Caleb were the ones who believed God.

It is Caleb that I want us to consider in this message.

## Note

# 1. CALEB GOES AGAINST THE GIANTS (JOSHUA 14:6-12)

### Joshua 14:6-12

<sup>6</sup>Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea. <sup>7</sup>Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart. <sup>8</sup>Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God. <sup>9</sup>And Moses sware 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. <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of Israel* wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, *I am* this day fourscore and five years old. <sup>11</sup>As yet *I am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. <sup>12</sup>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.

A. Caleb at 85 years old goes out to fight giants.

B. We all have giants that we must face and fight.

Some of the giants that we will face are:

- Fear

### **Hebrews 11:23-27**

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; <sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; <sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

- Worry

### **Philippians 4:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

- Anger

### **Ephesians 4:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, and wrath, and

anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

- Temptation

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

<sup>13</sup> There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Caleb refused to tremble before these giants

## **2. WHERE DID CALEB GET HIS STRENGTH**

- A. Faith Would Give Him Strength to Conquer

### **Numbers 13:30**

<sup>30</sup> 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.

- B. The Lord's Strength Would Take the Place of His Weakness

- C. He Knew the Lord Was Bigger Than Any Giant

- D. God's Faithfulness Reminded Caleb He Would Not Fail

### **3. WHERE CAN WE GET STRENGTH TO CONQUER OUR GIANTS**

- A. The Lord Conquered Our Enemy at the Cross
- B. Have Faith in God
- C. God is Bigger than All Our Giants, Fears, and Temptations
- D. Victory Awaits All Who Surrender Completely to Him

Close:

Our conquering Saviour leads His own to victory.

As the song writer wrote: "From victory unto victory, His army he shall lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord in deed.