



LAND POSSESSORS PART 3

And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, 8 but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, **however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.** 9 So on that day Moses swore to me, "The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, **because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.**" Joshua 14:6-9

- Caleb could be honest about himself.
- Caleb had a personal conviction.
- Can we say the same concerning the past years, months, days, day or hour?

2. Moses was the second witness - verse 9

- Caleb's personal conviction became a public testimony - others will take note.
- What do others say about our commitment to God?

3. The Lord was the third witness.

- "But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it." Numbers 14:24 NIV
- Public testimony became a Divine Affirmation.
- What does the Lord say about my following?

III) Seasons That Caleb Remained All In!

A. **Caleb remained all in when the Opposition was great.**

1. Trust In God's Presence Despite What You See

- We need to trust in God's Presence even when all you see are insurmountable obstacles.
- Caleb knew that God was with him even though there were giants in the land.

B. **Caleb remained all in when it looked like everyone else was against him.**

2. Trust God's Promise Even When it's Unpopular

- Caleb came back with a good report even when he came back with a bad report.

C. **Caleb remained all in even while going through hardship.**

3. Trust God's Purpose Even When Life Is Unpleasant In The Wilderness.

- Caleb remained all in even when he had to walk the wilderness because of no fault of his own
- Do you trust God's purpose?
- You may not be seeing God, you may not be feeling God. It might not be tangible but God is working. He is shaping, remodeling, reformatting you in the wilderness of life. God is always working, building Christlikeness in you, confirming you to his image.

Text: Numbers 14:20-24 NIV

20 The Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. 21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, 22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— 23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. 24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

I) Introduction:

A. You and I are called to be Land Possessors

B. There is a place, a promise or a purpose that you have been created to possess!

C. Joshua and Caleb Are Land Possessor's Because:

1. They had a different Spirit
2. They followed wholeheartedly

D. The expression 'all your heart' appears many times throughout the Bible. For example, you are to do the following things 'with all your heart':

1. Love the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
2. Trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5)
3. Obey the Lord (Psalm 119:34)
4. Praise the Lord (Psalm 138:1)
5. Rejoice (Zephaniah 3:14)
6. Work for the Lord (Colossians 3:23).

E. To be a Land Possessor You, must be ALL IN!

II) Three Witnesses That Caleb Followed Wholeheartedly

1. Caleb himself was the first witness.

- 6 "Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land.

- Invisibility is not inaction on the part of God.
- Inaudibility is not inattention on the part of God.

D. Caleb remained all in even when someone else was chosen.

4. Trust God's Preference Even When It Feels Like You Were Overlooked
 - Caleb could have been selected over Joshua to lead Israel.
 - No record of Caleb and Joshua being at odds.
 - You cannot lead unless you're able to follow.

E. Caleb remained all in even when he was coming down to the end of his life.

5. Trust In God's Power Even When You Don't Have An Ounce Of Strength.
 - 10 "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! 11 I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. 12 Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, **but, the Lord helping me**, I will drive them out just as he said." Joshua 14:10-12
 - Maybe you are thinking you don't have the capabilities and the resources to do great things for God.
 - Maybe you are thinking you do not have someone to encourage you or the talents needed. If that is what you are thinking, you may be absolutely correct. You have neither capability nor resources but our God has it all for you!