



LAND POSSESSORS PART 4

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.

Caleb- Name means "Dog"

- He had a Pitbull kind of Faith!
- Mathew 15 (Canaanite woman with Demon possessed daughter who had great faith)
- From the tribe of Judah

I) Caleb's Reward

Joshua 14: 10-15 NIV

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."

13 Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. 14 So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly. 15 (Hebron used to be called Kiriath Arba after Arba, who was the greatest man among the Anakites.)

A. **Hebron-** Association, Joining, Connection

- Abraham - The father of faith lived there
- David- His royal city until he took Jerusalem
- Anakite Giants lived there
- Anak- neck

B. Caleb Receives the Reward because he Remained connected/ joined to:

1. **God** - Caleb remained joined and connected to God all the way through the wilderness.
2. **Leadership** - He stayed joined and connected to leadership even when it wasn't popular.
3. **His Dream** - He remained joined to his dream though it took years for it to come to pass.

C. There are some mountains that you cannot take until you understand what it means to be joined to something.

D. I wonder what mountains you would have taken in life if you just got Connected, joined (Instead of selling for 30 or 60 fold you could've been 100 fold!)

- You cannot conquer where you will not commit.
- Are you asking God for mountains you won't commit to?
- One of the subtle thieves to success that has crept in during the Pandemic is convenience and comfortability.
- Beware of the sin of Halfway.
- "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!" Revelation 3:14-15 NIV

II) What It Takes To Stay Connected

1. To be Connected Demands Concentration

"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." Proverbs 4:25-27 NIV

- This implies focus.
- Distractions destroy dreams!
- Some in the last 14 months have gotten distracted.
- Are you still focused on the Lord being first in your life?

2. To be Connected Demands Completeness

"Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness."

Romans 6:13 NIV

- It means to follow Him in all that we are, in all that we do and in all that we say, and to do this wherever we are and under every circumstance.
- Serve the Lord with Everything!
- "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1 NKJV

3. To be Connected demands Commitment

I Kings 8:61 NIV

61 And may your hearts be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

II Timothy 4:7 NKJV

- **D.L. Moody, a notable 19th century evangelist**, heard a speaker declare that the world had yet to see what God could do through a man who was fully yielded to God, and he determined to be that man. He became a man mightily used by God in bringing thousands to know Him as their Saviour. His influence is still being felt through the schools and ministries he established. (*Joy Digital Magazine*)
- **William Booth was the founder of the Salvation Army**
When General Booth was asked what had been the secret of his success, he replied, "I will tell you the secret: God has had all that there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I, even with greater opportunities, but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart and caught a vision of what Jesus Christ could do with me and them, on that day I made up my mind that God should have all of William Booth there was. And if there is anything of power in the Salvation Army, it is because God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, and all the influence of my life."
(*Joy Digital Magazine*)
- **What could God do with you if you were fully committed? What could God do through this church if we were all fully committed?**