

OVERCOMING MEDIOCRITY

Courage to Overcome – Part 6

Joshua 14:6-15

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LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF A COURAGEOUS MAN:

1. You cannot follow the crowd and also rise above it.

The men told Moses, “We went to the land where you sent us. It is a land filled with many good things! ...But the people who live there are very powerful. The cities are large and strongly defended.... We cannot fight those people! They are much stronger than we are.” So those men gave a report that discouraged the people. They said, “The land we saw is full of strong people. They are strong enough to easily defeat anyone who goes there. We saw the giant Nephilim people there!” ...Caleb told the people near Moses to be quiet. Then Caleb said, “We should go up and take the land for ourselves. We can easily take that land.” – Numbers 13:27-28, 31-33 & 30 ERV

“But my servant Caleb isn’t like the others. So because he has faith in me, I will allow him to cross into Canaan, and his descendants will settle there.” – Numbers 14:24 CEV

2. Our choices in a few critical moments in life will define most of the other moments of our lives.

➤ Numbers 14:1-10

The LORD...said, “Not one of you evil people who are alive now will go into the good land that I promised to your ancestors. Only Caleb son of Jephunneh will see that land. I will give Caleb the land he walked on, and I will give that land to his descendants, because he did all that I, the LORD, commanded.” – Deut. 1:35-36 ERV

3. Enduring faithfulness is as important as great courage in life.

“Moses, the LORD’s servant, sent me to look at the land where we were going. I was 40 years old at that time.... Now the LORD has kept me alive for 45 more years—as he said he would. During that time, we all wandered in the desert. Now, here I am, 85 years old. I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. I am as ready to fight as I was then.” – Joshua 14:7, 10-11 ERV

And Hebron still belongs to Caleb’s descendants, because he was faithful to the God of Israel. – Joshua 14:14 CEV

4. To receive great things from God, we must believe God for great things.

“If we obey the LORD, he will surely give us that land rich with milk and honey. So don’t rebel. We have no reason to be afraid of the people who live there. The LORD is on our side, and they don’t stand a chance against us!” – Numbers 14:8-9 CEV

“So give me the hill country that the LORD promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if the LORD is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the LORD said.” – Joshua 14:12 NLT

- Believing God for great things usually involves us putting some “(skininthegame).”

So Caleb was given the town of Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), which had been named for Anak’s ancestor. Caleb drove out the three groups of Anakites—the descendants of Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, the sons of Anak. From there he went to fight against the people living in the town of Debir.... – Joshua 15:13b-15 NLT