

So Long Self: Living For Him In A Me-First World

Caleb - Refusing To Retire And Play It Safe

Numbers 13-14; Joshua 14:6-14

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I. How Much Of You Does God Have?

God had all of Caleb! That's what stands out most about him. Not any particular gift or ability, but how much of him God had.

Regardless of your age, now is the time to give your heart to God fully, totally, and without reserve. It's a posture of surrender that leads to an unbelievable life.

"If you won't surrender to Christ, you will surrender to chaos."

- E. Stanley Jones

James 3:16 "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there."

Matthew 16:25 "If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it."

Caleb puts it on display for us. In fact, **6x** the Bible highlights what we're talking about that made Caleb stand out.

Joshua 14:8 "...my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I **wholly followed** the Lord my God."

Joshua 14:9 Moses said, "Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have **wholly followed** the Lord my God."

Joshua 14:14 "...Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he **wholly followed** the Lord, the God of Israel."

Numbers 14:24 God said, "But My servant Caleb....has a different spirit in him and has **followed Me fully...**"

Numbers 32:12 Moses was telling the Israelites that everyone 20 years old and up were not going into the promised land "...except Caleb...and Joshua...for they have **wholly followed** the Lord."

Deuteronomy 1:36 As Moses revisits the history of Israel before he dies, he says "...Caleb...I am giving the land on which he walked, because he **wholly followed** the Lord."

God had all of Caleb and He had him all the way to end. He had him when he was 40, and He had him when he was 85.

Watch out if you're in your late 50's or early 60's and you're starting to think, "Well, this is **my** time, because I've done my time serving God."

