

# **Sunday January 10, 2016 Go, Take Your Mountain**

When we talk about "your mountain" in this case we are not referring to a challenge, an obstacle, as we would typically use the term "mountain" as....instead we are referring to your destiny, a dream that is in your heart, something God has called you to do, something you feel you should press into.

Today, we look at the life of a man named Caleb in the Old Testament and draw some life-lessons on what is required to "Go, take our mountain".

Most of us know about Caleb's life as given to us in Numbers 13–14, and Joshua 14:6–15

Caleb, in the Old Testament, was one of the spies sent by Moses from Kadesh to spy out the land of Canaan. Only Caleb and encouraged the people to proceed immediately to take the land. But because of their unbelief, they wandered around for nearly 40 years in the wilderness. Only after that a new generation crossed over Jordan to enter into the promised land along with Joshua and Caleb. Almost forty years later Caleb goes in and takes the land that Moses had promised him. after driving out the three sons of Anak (giants).

Caleb also inspired others to go and conquer (Joshua 15:13–19).

What are some simple yet important lessons we can learn from Caleb's life:

#### #1, His determination did not wear out due to delays

Imagine having the same passion, zeal and determination to go possess the mountain he set his eyes on after forty years!

Don't let delays weaken your desire to possess or accomplish what God has called you to accomplish in life.

The road to your destination may seem a little longer than you estimated, the time may be a little longer, but be determined to reach your promised destination.

## #2, His faith did not wear out due to discouragements

Imaging hanging out with people who were complainers, full of unbelief, murmuring against the leadership - not a pleasant environment to be in.



Joshua and Caleb were the minority in the whole crowd. It must have been very difficult to keep the faith in such company of people.

But Caled did just that.

Through faith we obtain promises:

Hebrews 11:33-34

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

But, it takes faith and patience to obtain promises:

#### Hebrews 6:12

that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

### #3, His courage did not wear out due to the size of the challenge

After about 45 years, when Caleb see that promised mountain again - he is physically advanced in age, and there are giants inhabiting that mountain. Yet, we see Caleb full of courage, ready to go up and engage in battle, to take action, to possess what he had been promised.

Courage is action! Courage is not a feeling, not an idea, not something we just talk about. Courage is what you do!

The call to us this morning is to "Go - Take your mountain" Be like Caleb as you press in to what you have been promised.





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