

Expanding Our Territory in 2024

Redeeming God's Promises

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Joshua 14: 6-15 NIV

⁶Now 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. ⁷I was forty years old when

Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, ⁸but 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. ⁹So 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.'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! ¹¹I 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. ¹²Now 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. ¹⁴So 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.)

Then the land had rest from war.

1. **Receive the Promise.** What has God promised you? Have you received it? Are you clinging to it? Don't let go of it.
2. **Faithfully Serve in the Waiting.** Where is your focus? The outcome you desire, or on God Himself and His presence in your life?
3. **Redeem Your Promise.** By faith, give thanks for that which God has promised you. Ask for your eyes to see the fulfillment of it.

Conclusion: God's Word is true; every promise fulfilled. Let us hold fast to His promises, *for in Christ, they are YES and AMEN!* If God has spoken it, believe your eyes will see it. Live in this confident faith as Caleb did and serve your God faithfully.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of January 28, 2024 – February 3, 2024

Ice Breaker: What is a promise God has spoken over you? Has it come about yet? If not, are you still holding on to it?

Read Joshua 14: 6-15.

1. What was Caleb reminding Joshua of? (v.6)
2. What were Caleb and Joshua charged to do years before? (v.7)
3. How old was Caleb then? (v.7)
4. What report did the other Israelites give about the land? (v.8)
5. How did Caleb respond in his report? (v.8)
6. What did Moses promise to Caleb for his faith? (v.9)
7. How many years did it take for this promise to be fulfilled? (v.10)
8. What does this teach you about God's timing in our lives?
9. What did Caleb profess about God's provision in the waiting? (v.11)
10. What does this teach you about how God cares for us in our seasons of waiting for the fulfillment of His promises? How has He done this for you as you wait?
11. What did Caleb ask Joshua for? (v.12) Was that bold? Was it appropriate or not to ask for? Discuss.
12. What was Joshua's response to Caleb's request? (v.13)
13. Read Psalm 37: 7-9. How can this encourage you regarding a promise you are waiting on?
14. Why did God give Caleb and his descendants Hebron? (v.14)
15. What was the added blessing after receiving the land? (v.15)
16. What does this show you about how God rewards and honors our faithful service?
17. Read Genesis 17:8. What did God promise Abraham? What is the land Joshua and his men had been fighting to conquer? Did God fulfill that promise to Abraham? Did God fulfill His promise to Caleb?
18. Read Mark 11:24. How does this truth relate? Will He fulfill His promises to you?
19. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. How can professing this help you carry on in confident hope to what your future holds?

Point to ponder: There are many promises in God's Word that hold true for every believer; we must choose to receive them as our truth. There are also specific promises God will speak over our lives as we seek and listen to His voice. Let us seek, listen, and cling to the promises by faith our gracious God has for each of us-knowing they will be fulfilled.