

# CALEB ON THE THRESHOLD

*“But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.”*

Numbers 14:24

*“I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in.”*

Joshua 14:11

## I. The traits of Caleb

- A. His name meant dog he didn't fit into his family's plans.
- B. This dog was adopted into the tribe of Judah the Royal Kingly tribe.
- C. He was the apex of loyalty, faithfulness, determination and integrity
- D. God loves to surprise all with one.
- E. Caleb shut up the negative report of the wicked spies.  
(Numbers 13:30)  
*<sup>30</sup> Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."*
- F. The minority will shut down the majority in our time.
- G. Caleb is promised Hebron, the mountain guarded by the most deadly foes of the spirit world.

- H. Caleb doesn't have gifts talents and abilities he himself is the weapon of God's hand.
  - I. Only a Caleb Spirit has the influence to sway the culture and win this generation.
  - J. Caleb and Joshua rent their garments and delivered the minority report. Which was the truth.
- II. A Minority report over a Majority report.
- A. Twelve spies went into the promise land and experienced its splendor. (Numbers 13)
  - B. Ten brought a faithless majority report. (Numbers 13:27-29,31-33)

*<sup>27</sup> They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." ... <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." <sup>32</sup> And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. <sup>33</sup> We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

- C. Two brought a perfect minority report. (Numbers 14:7-9)

<sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

III. Ten names you’ve never heard. (And for good reason)

- A. Shamuah - Famous. Tribe of Gad. (Numbers 13:14)
  - B. Shaphat - He hath judged. Tribe of Simeon. (Numbers 13:5)
  - C. Igal - He will vindicate. Tribe of Issachar. (Numbers 13:7)
  - D. Palti - Deliverance by God. Tribe of Benjamin. (Numbers 13:9)
  - E. Gaddiel - God hath given fortune. Tribe of Zebulun. (Numbers 13:10)
  - F. Gaddi - Fortunate. Tribe of Mannasseh. (Numbers 13:11)
  - G. Ammiel - Kinsman of God. Tribe of Dan. (Numbers 13:12)
  - H. Sethur - Secreted/Hidden. Tribe of Asher. (Numbers 13:13)
  - I. Nahbi - Concealed/ Jehovah protects. Tribe of Naphtali. (Numbers 13:14)
  - J. Geuel - Majesty of God. Tribe of Gad. (Numbers 13:15)
- \* All ten refused to actualize their potentials and inherit the Promised Land through faith. They had reputations to guard. They were princes, leaders, men of renowned.

\*\* Dr Carol Dweck wrote a book, “Mindset.”

The ten spies had a “fixed mindset”. Such people are laden with expectations and are risk averse they do not want to be seen to fail so their view is: we can’t win so we shouldn’t try.

#### IV. Caleb and Joshua / Celebrating the remnant who possess “Another Spirit!”

These two had a “growth mindset.” They did not fear failure they relished challenges and were unafraid of risks and trials.

\* Caleb was a man with “Another Spirit” (Numbers 14:24)

*<sup>24</sup> 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.*

A. Caleb chose his destiny over his birth heritage. He wasn’t an Israelite but an Edomite.

(Numbers 32:12)

*<sup>12</sup> not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they followed the LORD wholeheartedly.*

B. He received his promise at 40 years of age. His reward was postponed until he was 85 years young.

C. Caleb looked forward and never backward.

D. Caleb gave himself wholly unto God. He withheld nothing.

E. Caleb chose faith over fear.

F. Caleb was aggressive, not passive.

G. Caleb was a man of altitude. He chose the highest unconquered mountain of Hebron and its giants as his inheritance. (Joshua 14:12)

*<sup>12</sup> 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.*

## V. Caleb's Secret

A. Caleb's secret is found in a phrase that is repeated six times in scripture. "He wholly followed the Lord God of Israel" (Joshua 14:8-9,14; Numbers 14:24;32:12; Deuteronomy 1:36)

B. The Caleb generation has vision unlike the majority.

C. The Caleb generation has a verbal boldness for truth, even in the face of the threat of death.

D. The Caleb generation will obtain an inheritance that others will not.

E. The Caleb generation has a favor that falls upon their colleagues' companions' children and beyond.

F. The Caleb generation will walk their talk.