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### **Sermon Series // Joshua; Judges; Ruth**

**Supports Session 6:** Unwavering Determination

**Sermon Title:** "Faithfulness to the End" (Joshua 14:1-15)

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#### **Connection to Session 6**

Session 6 focuses on Caleb's faithfulness and subsequent reward. Because Caleb was faithful, he received a great inheritance. This sermon outline focuses more on the faithfulness of God and how His faithfulness can encourage and move us to obedience.

#### **Introduction/Opening**

Joshua 14 marks a transition from conquest to inheritance. As Israel began to divide the land, Caleb stepped forward to claim the promise God made to him decades earlier (Num. 14:24). His request reminds God's people that faithfulness over time is rewarded by a faithful God.

#### **Outline**

- 1. God faithfully honors His promises** (vv. 1-5)
  - a.** God keeps His promises across generations (Num. 23:19). Forty-five years had passed since His initial promise. Some of the Israelites had been more faithful than others, but their inheritance reflected their obedience to the Lord. Despite the people's lack of belief at times, God's faithfulness was not diminished by time or circumstances.
  - b.** In Joshua 14, the Israelites learned that they could trust God even when His promises seemed delayed. Even though they may have felt like God had abandoned them, He was always there with them. God's timing is always perfect.
- 2. Faithfulness requires wholehearted obedience** (vv. 6-9)
  - a.** In these verses Caleb recalled God's promise that was given to Moses. Caleb's faith in God stood in contrast to Israel's fear. From the beginning, Caleb trusted in the Lord to fulfill His promise. The phrase "followed the LORD my God completely" (v. 9) emphasizes complete devotion to the Lord. If we are to follow God completely, then we also need to trust His promises even when they seem delayed or nonexistent. It is not enough to trust the Lord when it is convenient or makes sense;

we must follow Him with every decision we make and must be obedient in whatever He tells us to do.

- b. God values faithful obedience. True faith remains steady even when others fall away (Heb. 10:23). There are times in life that are difficult to trust God, but we are called to trust and follow God even when obedience is costly. Even in the midst of cultural pressure or when we are the only ones, we must be obedient and trust God

### 3. Faith perseveres over time (vv. 10-11)

- a. Caleb testified that God had preserved him for forty-five years. Even though he was now eighty-five years old, he remained strong only by God's sustained power. Caleb's example teaches us that faithfulness is lifelong, not seasonal. There is never a moment of "retiring" from ministry or following God, nor is there a movement where we "arrive" and have it all figured out. We must obediently follow God to the end of our lives.
- b. God strengthens those who walk with Him (Isa. 40:31). Spiritual vitality comes from obedience, not age. The more we are obedient, the more we see God's work. Caleb's obedience showed God's faithfulness and power.

### 4. Faith boldly claims God's promises despite existing challenges (vv. 12-15)

- a. Caleb asked for Hebron, a land that was still occupied by giants. His confidence in the request rested on God's promises and not on military strength. God granted the inheritance, and the land found rest and was given to Caleb. Caleb's faith moved forward by putting trust in God for victory (Josh. 1:9). God honors those who trust Him.
- b. Similar to Caleb, Christians are called not to settle for comfort. God calls us to trust Him fully. It is easy to get comfortable in church and not take bold steps of faith. Step into God's promises courageously and experience the joy and excitement of seeing God work in big ways.

## Conclusion

Joshua 14:1-15 presents Caleb as a model of enduring faith, a faith that trusts God's promises, obeys wholeheartedly, endures through time, and claims victory boldly. God remains faithful to those who faithfully follow Him.

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