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SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: Num. 13:6, 30–32; Josh. 14:6–14; Luke 18:1–5;
Josh. 19:49–51; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom: 12:1, 2.

Memory Text: “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith”
(Hebrews 13:7, ESV).

MONDAY

November 17

Give Me This Hill Country

Read Joshua 14:6–14, Numbers 14:24, Numbers 32:12, Deuteronomy 1:36, and Luke 6:45. How would you describe Caleb and Joshua’s attitude? What does it mean to follow the Lord fully?

Caleb: *I am as strong this day*

Joshua 14:6–14 6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: “**You know the word which the Lord said to Moses** the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.

Joshua 14:7 *I was forty years old* when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and **I brought back word to him as it was in my heart.**

8 Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but **I wholly followed the Lord my God.**

9 So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’

10 And now, behold, **the Lord has kept me alive**, as He said, **these forty-five years**, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here **I am this day, eighty-five years old.**

11 As yet *I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in.*

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Joshua 14:12 Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the **Anakim were there**, and *that the cities were great and fortified*. It may be that the Lord *will be with me*, and **I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.**"

REF:>> Hebron was the seat of the dreaded Anakim, whose formidable appearance had so terrified the spies, and through them destroyed the courage of all Israel. This, above all others, was the place which Caleb, trusting in the strength of God, chose for his inheritance. PP 511.4

Question: What was the result?

Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb

Joshua 14:13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.

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

Numbers 13:1-2 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; **from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man**, every one a leader among them."

>> leaders move the people for good or bad.

Numbers 13:21 **21** So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.

22 And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, *were there*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with **one cluster of grapes**; they carried it between two of them on a pole. ***They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs.***

24 The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there.

25 And **they returned from spying out the land after forty days.**

26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they

brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit.

28 Nevertheless **the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.**

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

30 Then **Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”**

Numbers 13:31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, **for they *are* stronger than we.**”

32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature.

33 **There we saw the giants** (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and **we were like grasshoppers in our own sight**, and so we were in their sight.”

Let us select a leader and return to Egypt

Numbers 14:1- 1 So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!

3 Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?”

4 **So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.”**

5 Then **Moses and Aaron fell on their faces** before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

6 But **Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh**, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, **tore their clothes;**

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land.

8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'

9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, **nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread**; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

10 And **all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.**

I will bring into the land where he went,

Numbers 14:24 24 But My servant Caleb, **because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully**, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Caleb and Joshua, they have wholly followed the Lord

Numbers 32:12, 12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the Lord.'

Deuteronomy 1:36, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the Lord.'

Luke 6:45. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Caleb never forgot the promise the Lord had given him through Moses: that he would enter the land where his feet had trodden (*Num. 14:24*). Forty years later, he refers to his own report on the land as a word "as it was in my heart" (*Josh. 14:7, NKJV*). His report was based on his conviction that, with God's guidance and help, Israel would be able to conquer the land.

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In contrast to the report of the other ten spies, who inspired fear among the Israelites, Caleb manifested a wholehearted trust and commitment to the promise of the Lord. The Hebrew phrase, which literally means "I was full after the LORD" (*Josh. 14:8*), is probably a short form of a longer idiom: "My heart was fully following the LORD," or "I filled my heart to walk behind/after the LORD." In

contrast with others who walked after foreign gods and who did not follow the Lord fully, Caleb's heart was wholly dedicated to the Lord.

The same expression is later repeated twice, emphasizing Caleb's faithfulness (Josh. 14:9, 14). His own characterization is in harmony with what the Lord Himself called a "different spirit" (Num. 14:24, NKJV) that distinguished Caleb from the other ten spies. Even at the age of 85, he continued to be an example of what the Lord can achieve through people whose hearts are fully dedicated to Him and His cause.

Caleb understood that the territory each tribe would eventually possess was directly proportionate to the extent to which they dared to claim the promises of the Lord and how much land they were willing to tread upon by faith. God's promises are not self-fulfilling, in the sense that they come true irrespective of our will. **Rather, they require faith accompanied by resolute action.** The Hebrew term 'ulay, "maybe" (Josh. 14:12), can express fear and doubt, but it usually denotes hope and the anticipation that something positive will take place (Gen. 16:2; Num. 22:6, 11; Num. 23:3).

Hebrew term 'ulay, "If" "maybe" (Josh. 14:12), : from Keil & Delitzsch "The mountain," according to the context, is the mountainous region of Hebron, where the spies had seen the Anakites (Num 13:22, Num 13:28). The two clauses, in Jos 14:12, beginning with וַיֵּאמָר are not to be construed as subordinate to one another, but are co-ordinate clauses, and contain two distinct motives in support of his petition: viz., "for thou heardest in that day," sc., what Jehovah said to me then, and also "for (because) the Anakites are there;" ... **"perhaps Jehovah is with me"** (יִתֵּן for יִתֵּן, see Ges. §103, 1, anm. 1, and Ewald, §264, b.), and I root them out" (vid., Jos 15:14). **The word "perhaps" does not express a doubt, but a hope or desire, or else, as Masius says, "hope mixed with difficulty; and whilst the difficulty detracts from the value, the hope stimulates the desire for the gift."**

Mrk 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

What compromises, "small" compromises, are the kinds of things that can keep us from fully following the Lord?

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Additional Notes

Caleb: faithful servant of the LORD

His claim was immediately granted. To none could the conquest of this giant stronghold be more safely entrusted. "Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance," "because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel." **Caleb's faith now was just what it was when his testimony had contradicted the evil report of the spies. He had believed God's promise that He would put His people in possession of Canaan, and in this he had followed the Lord fully. He had endured with his people the long wandering in the wilderness, thus sharing the disappointments and burdens of the guilty; yet he made no complaint of this, but exalted the mercy of God that had preserved him in the wilderness when his brethren were cut off. Amid all the hardships, perils, and plagues of the desert wanderings, and during the years of warfare since entering Canaan, the Lord had preserved him; and now at upwards of fourscore his vigor was unabated. He did not ask for himself a land already conquered, but the place which above all others the spies had thought it impossible to subdue. By the help of God he would wrest his stronghold from the very giants whose power had staggered the faith of Israel. It was no desire for honor or aggrandizement that prompted Caleb's request. The brave old warrior was desirous of giving to the people an example that would honor God, and encourage the tribes fully to subdue the land which their fathers had deemed unconquerable. PP 512.2**

Caleb obtained the inheritance upon which his heart had been set for forty years, and, trusting in God to be with him, he “drove thence the three sons of Anak.” Having thus secured a possession for himself and his house, his zeal did not abate; he did not settle down to enjoy his inheritance, but pushed on to further conquests for the benefit of the nation and the glory of God. PP 513.1