Caleb - A

“Different Spirit”
12 Spies

- Shammua
- Shaphat
- **Caleb**
  - Igal
  - Hoshea (Joshua)
  - Palti
- Gaddiel
- Gaddi
- Ammiel
- Sethur
- Nahbi
- Geuel
1. Caleb’s Courage

- After returning from spying out the land he stood against the majority and stood with God
- The 10 versus Joshua and Caleb
- Nu. 13:31, 30; 14:8
• “But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we”
Numbers 13:30

• “And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”
Numbers 14:8

• “If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.”
1. Caleb’s Courage

- Caleb was trying to encourage the people to go up and possess the land which God had promised
  - Gen. 17:8
  - Num. 14:10
Gen. 17:8

• “And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”
Nu. 14:10

• “But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.”
1. Caleb’s Courage

• The people wanted to **kill Caleb** rather than listen to his words of encouragement and exhortation
1. Caleb’s Courage

- **LESSONS FOR US**
  - As Christians we must be prepared to face opposition when we stand up for the truth of God’s Word
  - We must stand with God if it means we must stand alone
2. Caleb’s Character

- **Character** = what a person really is; reputation is what others think of you
2. Caleb’s Character

• Nu. 14:24 holds the “key” of Caleb’s character

• “But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully”
2. Caleb’s Character

• “Another spirit” in KJV is also rendered as:
• “different spirit” NKJV, ESV
• His spirit was one that was willing to follow God and not the multitude
2. Caleb’s Character

• **LESSONS FOR US**
  • We are not like everyone else
  • Standing for the truth will not make us popular with those of the world
  • Jn. 15:19; 17:14; 1 Jn. 3:13
Jn. 15:19

• “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”
Jn. 17:14

• “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”
1 Jn. 3:13

• “Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.”
2. Caleb’s Character

• “Due to no fault of his own, Caleb was forced to wander in the wilderness for forty years. He suffered because of the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel”  Mike Riley

• We often suffer due to the actions of others
3. Caleb’s Life

- His life illustrates that there is “no retirement plan” in doing the Lord’s work
- At 85 he went in to the promised land to possess it as God had promised
- Joshua 14:12
Joshua 14:12

• “Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.”
3. Caleb’s Life

• Even **in is older** years Caleb still possessed a “different spirit”----a spirit that led him to follow God “fully”

• He never faltered in his confidence in **God’s ability** to fulfill his promises
3. Caleb’s Life

**LESSONS FOR US**

**Gal. 6:9**

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”
3. Caleb’s Life

• LESSONS FOR US

• Proverbs 3:5-7  “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.”
Conclusion

• Let us follow the example of Caleb who had a “different spirit”

• As God’s children let us take courage and become stronger in doing the Lord’s will in our own lives
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