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ALL IN

LESSON 3

TITLE: CLAIMING THE PROMISES OF GOD.

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years after 400 years of slavery in Egypt. At one point, Moses sent 12 spies to spy out the Promised Land for 40 days. One of them was named Caleb.

Caleb came back with a positive report, silenced the people and said, 'Let's go and take possession of the promise that God has given to us.'

But 10 out of the 12 spies had a bad report. They said, 'We seem like grasshoppers in the eyes of the giants we saw in the land.'

They failed to claim the promise and an entire generation died. But 40 years later, God gives them a second chance.

Fast forward, 45 years, Caleb is the oldest man in Israel by a long-shot.

His entire generation has died off and according to tradition, Joshua was probably less than half his age. Joshua may have been 17 years old when explored the Promised Land, Caleb was 40 and he is now 85.

This is where we pick up the story:

Joshua 14:6-8 -NKJV

6 Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jeff-foon-A the Ken-izzite said to him: "You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea.

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.

The difference between going ALL IN and just holding out really comes down to this, are you going to let fear dictate your decisions or are you going to let faith dictate your decisions?

Those two things will take you in very different directions.

It's the difference between entering the Promised Land and claiming the promises of God and experiencing miracles,

Or just spending your entire life on the other side of the Jordan River wondering where is God.

That's the difference.

Joshua 14:9-14 -NKJV

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.'

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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.

12 Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day.

13 Then Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

14 So Hebron has belonged to Caleb ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

Caleb was ALL IN!

We've been preaching about what it means to go ALL IN, and the truth is, it looks like lots of different things.

It looks like:

Noah building an ark in the middle of the desert.

Abraham putting Isaac on an altar.

An 85-year-old Caleb saying, "Give me the mountain".

Someone coming to church when they're tired.

A dad getting his family up and ready for church on Sunday.

A student wanting to be schooled in the Word.

A member trusting God when they have a bad lab report.

What does it mean to be ALL IN?

Here's the bottom Line: You're leaning into God and not your feelings.

Sight Hearing Taste Smell Touch

ALL IN is living outside these five things.

God does not work within these five. That's where you work, but God is much larger than the five.

Proverbs 3:5-7

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord...

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Here's what I love about Caleb, it's not just the fact that he was ALL IN when he was 40, it's the fact that he was still ALL IN when he was 85.

At what age do you go ALL IN?

What will it take for you to grab the vision and direction and live your life with an ALL IN passion?

What will your life draw this year?