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# Give Me This Mountain

” **Josh 14:6-13**

” <sup>6</sup> Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, <sup>8</sup> but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.

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” <sup>9</sup> So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.’ <sup>10</sup> “Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

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- <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.
- <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."
- <sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance.

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## Judges 1:20

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Hebron was given to Caleb, who  
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## BACKGROUND



# **Give Me This Mountain**

**Num 13:26-30:**

**The 12 spies and their report-**

**“ a land flowing with milk and honey**

**“ Samples of fruits**

**“ Also Powerful enemies , giants and fortified cities**

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*30 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.**”*



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## Numbers 14:1-10

- “ The people Murmur
- “ Wished they had stayed in Egypt
- “ Talked about getting new leader to bring them back
- “ Joshua and Caleb tried to persuade the people not to disobey God but people talked about stoning them

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- “ God was angry and wanted to destroy them but Moses pleaded with God
- “ God said that only Joshua and Caleb would enter the promised land

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## ***Our Present Context***

- “ Time passed. The Israelites crossed the Jordan.
- “ A whole generation had passed on without seeing Promised Land.
- “ Israelities began conquest and later Joshua divided the land for the tribes

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## Now Caleb comes to claim his inheritance

Josh 14:12

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- “ Caleb was 85. Young at heart and raring to go
- “ And he did drive out the giants to possess his inheritance
- “ Many other tribes were not successful in their battles

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**3 Qualities of Caleb that made him successful: ACT**

- . Attitude
- . Commitment
- . Tenacity

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**Attitude and Perspective:**

**“ Num 14:24 <sup>24</sup> *But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit***



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## **Attitude and Perspective:**

- “ 12 men went to see the promised land**
- “ All saw the potential**
- “ 10 were overwhelmed by the challenge**

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“Only Joshua and Caleb saw  
God in the equation

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“ It took courage to stand in the minority

<sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <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.**”

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**Caleb's perspective of God  
and His calling for Israel  
shaped his Attitude  
towards the challenges of  
life**

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## 2 COMMITMENT :

**Num 14:24-** *and follows me  
wholeheartedly*

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- “ Taking the promised land would bring challenges
- “ Now people talked about stoning them
- “ Who knows what would have happened if the glory of the Lord did not appear at the tent of meeting.
- “ But Caleb never backed off

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## 3 TENACITY-THE FIGHTING SPIRIT

Josh 14:10-12

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**Caleb's commitment was  
wholehearted. He was  
willing to risk his life for  
God's will**



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- “ At 85, would you be excited about a challenge like that?
- “ Maybe I would have hoped Joshua forgot about the promise and gave something else.
- “ He asked for a tough assignment. It was a dream he held onto for 45 years

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- “ Would you through wait 45 years of conflict and warfare for such an inheritance?
- “ Would you want a nice juicy piece of land? Lot did.
- “ Would you want it knowing there were giants?
- “ The cities were large and fortified?

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- “ Not “Lord move that mountain, but Lord, give me that mountain”.
- “ He had boldly declared his faith at age 40. Now he wanted to prove it at age 85.

# CONCLUSION

**We need more people like Caleb:**

“ with the right perspective and attitude

“ with wholehearted commitment

“ and tenacity.

# CONCLUSION

- “ The Church will face many challenges in the days ahead.
- “ You personally will face challenges.
- “ Singaporeans as a whole face many challenges in this season.
- “ Some fear. Some are indifferent.

# CONCLUSION

- “ Stand up and claim what is yours
- “ Encourage each other, not discourage.
- “ Talk about God’s faithfulness
- “ Remember His miracles
- “ Dare to face the challenge. Don’t run. You are not alone

# CCBC, GO TAKE YOUR MOUNTAIN!

