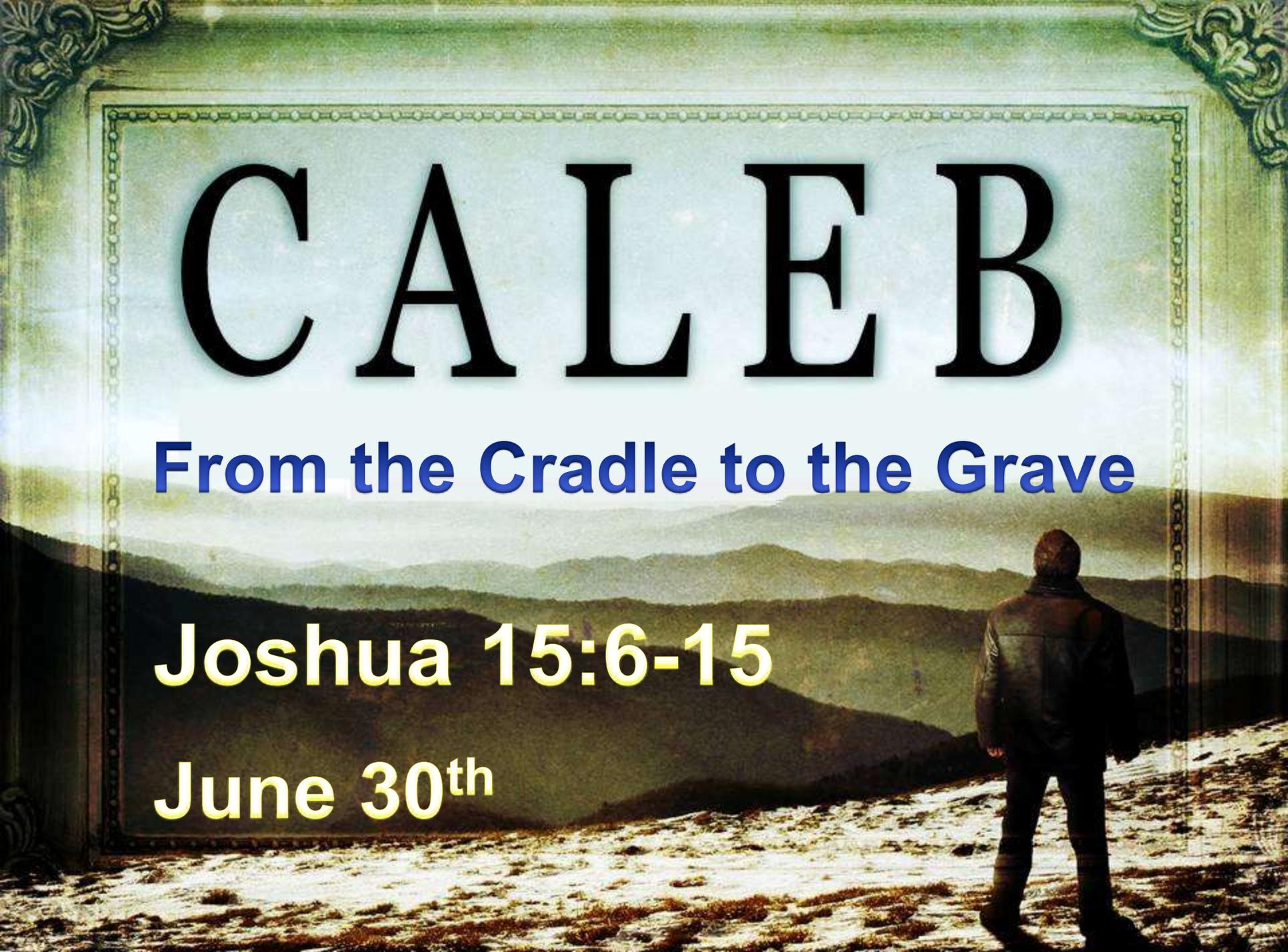


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Joshua 15:6-15

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Joshua Series – Caleb

so far:

- 7 years fighting and taking land
- switch in story – beginning to divide up territory and face enemies
- Joshua 13:1-7

Group of men approaching, Men of Judah and an old friend

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Joshua 14:6-7 Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. 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 him word again as it was in my heart.”

Story from Numbers 13

Numbers 13:30-33 But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”³¹ Then 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 are.”

Numbers 15:5-10 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel.

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⁶ And 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 said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

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⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” ¹⁰ Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

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Numbers 14:24 “But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.”

Numbers 14:30 “³⁰ not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.”

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Numbers 14:38 “Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive.”

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Joshua 14:8-15 “But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God. ⁹ And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.’ ¹⁰ And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness.

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And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. ¹¹ I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. ¹² So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said.”

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¹³ Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. ¹⁴ Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Caleb's Claims and Convictions

1. Followed the Lord Wholly

- in the face of.....
- when it required me to speak out
- greatest commandment

2. Believed God Can

- saw deliverance from.....
- witnessed presence of.....
- partook in provision for.....
- witness of judgment and mercy.....

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- changes perspective
 - 'behold the Lord has kept me alive'
 - behold I am 85 and strong'

3. Trusted God Would

- overcome obstacles
 - age, scope, difficulty
- be faithful to His promises
 - will give you this land
- drive them out – deliver victory
 - as the Lord said

Side Note

- Kenizzites – descendants of Esau
- Adopted into tribe of Judah at some point
- Participating in full inheritance, as one of the family
- other notable adoptee's in tribe of Judah
 - Rahab and Ruth

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Romans 8:14-16 “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

4. Ready Participant

- give me this unclaimed territory
- understood – fortified cities, great warriors
- God will deliver – we will fight

Joshua 15:13-15 “According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak).¹⁴ And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the descendants of Anak.¹⁵ And he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir. Now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher”

So What?

1. Follow the Lord Wholly

- love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
- not divided, split minded
- speak up

2. Believe God Does

- that He is active and involved
- when you don't see it – still at work

- can overcome:

 - bad decisions, age, enemies, obstacles

- perspective on God critical

3. Trust God's Will

- forgive, adopt, full family rights

- return for His bride, reward faithfulness

- satisfy, supply and sustain – fill his promises and undertake for you

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Proverbs 3:5-10

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the first fruits of all your produce;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

4. Join Him

- be a ready participant

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.” **James 1:23-25**

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