

STAYING VICTORIOUS

Joshua 14, 23 (10-30-11) Piper Bible Church



You can leave a legacy like Caleb & Joshua.

I. Caleb takes a stronghold full of giants showing courage & faithfulness

14:6-15

A. Caleb is 1 of 2 adults who left Egypt & now gets to enter the Promised Land.

V. 6-10

After Israel left Egypt, for the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 spies into the Promised Land. Of the 12 spies, 10 were afraid to go & 2 said, "Let's go. God's with us" (Joshua & Caleb).

B. The reason Caleb is courageous because he wholly follows the Lord.

V. 9

Caleb, a man of faith – believed God's promise to take them into the Promised Land.
Caleb, a man of dedication – followed the Lord wholly, completely.

Num 14:22-25

I Kings 18:21 – Have you committed to follow God?

C. Caleb asks for permission to take a stronghold for his possession

V. 11-13

He claims God's promise of victory & picks a place where those giants are still holding on.

D. At 85, Caleb defeated 3 giants, and takes Hebron.

V. 14-15; 15:14

You can be a Caleb.

II. Joshua gives Israel his final instructions, showing what is really important in life

23:1-16

When you think your life on this earth is over, it makes you reflect on what's important.

A. Courageously obey God's word.

V. 1-7

Josh 1:6-7

Courage is doing what is right regardless of fear.

Courage is based on principles, a duty to act in obedience to God & His word.

Rev 3:14-16

2 kinds of fear that can stand in the way of victory: Fear of the unknown, & Fear of failure.

In order for you to be all that you were created to be, you need the courage to do what God teaches you in His word.

B. Hold on to God.

V. 8-10

Every Christian is under pressure to compromise.

V. 7; I John 2:15-16

V. 12-13

Prov 6:27 "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?"

There is a warning found in **V. 14-16**.

C. Love God.

V. 11

Jesus said that this is the most important command in all of Scripture – **Matt 22:35-40**.

V. 14 – God is good, gracious & faithful toward you.

Now, what are you going to do about that?

You can courageously leave behind a legacy for future generations to learn from.