

Caleb -A Model For Every Generation



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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to briefly share a story or experience from their own life where they had to wait a long time to see a promise or goal fulfilled. Encourage them to reflect on how their faith or trust in God (or the lack thereof) played a role during that waiting period. This will help set the stage for discussing Caleb's long journey of faith and patience, and how God ultimately fulfilled His promises to him.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

• Great is Thy Faithfulness

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WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will understand the importance of faith and obedience.
- 2. GG members will recognize God's sustaining power.
- 3. GG members will look forward to the reward of faithfulness.

INTRODUCTION

Our passage describes Caleb's request to Joshua for the hill country of Hebron, which had been promised to him by Moses because of his faithfulness. This passage highlights themes of faithfulness, divine promise, and reward.

Caleb recalled the promise of his inheritance (vv. 6–9)

Caleb went to Joshua and recounted their time as spies forty-five years ago. Because of Caleb's faithfulness, God had promised an inheritance to Caleb.

- 1. What specific promise did Caleb refer to when he spoke to Joshua, and how does this relate to their past experiences?
- How did Caleb describe his actions and faithfulness compared to the others who scouted the land?
- 3. How would you describe Caleb's understanding of God's faithfulness?
- 4. In what way does Caleb's personal testimony serve as a model of faith and obedience?

Application

How can we demonstrate the same kind of faithfulness and trust in God as Caleb exhibited when faced with challenging circumstances? How can God's faithfulness in the past help to strengthen our faith in present situations?

Caleb showed his confidence in God by claiming his promise (vv. 10–12)

Caleb pointed out God's sustaining power upon him for the past forty-five years, which they have been wandering about in the wilderness. He was confident that God would fulfill his promise of granting him his inheritance despite the challenges he faced.

- What evidence did Caleb provide to demonstrate that he is capable of fulfilling God's promise despite his age?
- 2. What is the significance of the land Caleb requests, and how does it relate to his past experiences and God's promises?

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- 3. How was God's sustaining power manifested in the life of Caleb?
- 4. What can you say about Caleb's faith and confidence in God when requesting to claim Hebron as his inheritance?

Application

Reflect upon your life and look for areas of your life where you are facing challenges and difficulties. How can you cultivate a mindset of confidence in God's sustaining power when facing these challenges?

Joshua granted Caleb's request (vv. 13-15)

Joshua blessed Caleb and granted his request by giving him Hebron as his inheritance in the Promised Land.

- According to verse 14, what was the reason why Caleb received Hebron as his inheritance?
- 2. How does this narrative reinforce the themes of God's faithfulness and reward in the book of Joshua?

Application

How has God proven himself faithful to His promises in your life? In what ways can you recognize and celebrate the fulfillment of God's promises in your life?

PRAYER ITEM

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your unwavering faithfulness and the promises You have given us. Just as You sustained Caleb, keep us strong and steadfast in our faith. Help us to remain obedient and trust in Your Word, giving us the courage to pursue Your purposes with determination and hope. Strengthen our hearts to be steadfast and let our lives reflect the joy of Your fulfilled promises. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen. ■



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