

A FATHER FOLLOWING GOD

Joshua 14:6-14

Being known as a God-follower is the greatest ambition for any father.

I. LOOK AT CALEB'S WAYS (7-8, 10-12)

A. COMMITTED (7-8a)

1. Reporting to Moses (7)
 - a. He reported what was in his heart
 - b. Communicating his faith - See Numbers 13:30 and 14:9
2. Rejecting the majority
 - a. Their effect: They caused fear and anxiety (8a)
 - b. Their excuses - See Numbers 13:27-33
3. Reflecting a moment (Application)
 - a. Whom would others say you are following?
 - b. Are you willing to be different?

B. CONSISTENT (8b)

1. Following God fully!
 - a. An example: Josiah in II Chronicles 34:1-2
 - b. His essence: An intense activity
 - c. His experience: Following God fully
 - d. His exclamation: "The Lord my God"
2. Focusing on God thoughtfully (Application)
 - a. How fully are you following?
 - b. Are you holding back on anything?

C. CONFIDENT (10-12)

1. About his condition (10-12)
2. About his country (12)
 - a. I want that mountain! > See the chorus
 - b. If God wills I can win!

II. LISTEN TO CALEB'S WITNESSES (9, 13-14)

- Caleb made an impressive impact on those around him

A. MOSES: A Leader (9)

1. He made a promise to Caleb
2. He made a proclamation about Caleb

B. JOSHUA: A Friend (13-14)

1. He blessed Caleb (13)
2. He broadcast about Caleb (14)

C. JEHOVAH: The all-knowing!

1. God said Caleb was different - Numbers 14:24

But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.

2. God said Caleb was dependable - Deuteronomy 1:34-36

Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying, ³⁵ 'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers, ³⁶ except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.

CONCLUSION:

You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

- Deuteronomy 13:4

Hey Dad ... are you fully following God?

- Have you followed His Son to the cross for salvation?
- Are you faithfully letting God lead you?

Will you leave a following-God legacy?

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