

# MESSAGE

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TITLE : I WANT THAT MOUNTAIN (GOD'S ENRICHING LAND) - THE CALEB FACTOR  
Text/s :

Josh 14:12

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.  
(KJV)

Num 13:1-14:24

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.  
3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.  
4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.  
5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.  
6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.  
7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.  
8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.  
9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.  
10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.  
11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.  
12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.  
13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.  
14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.  
15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.  
16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.  
17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:  
18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;  
19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;  
20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.  
21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.  
22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)  
23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.  
24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.  
25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.  
26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.  
27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.  
28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.  
30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.  
31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.  
32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.  
33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

#### CHAPTER 14

1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.  
2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!  
3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?  
4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.  
5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.  
6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:  
7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.  
8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.  
9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.  
10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle before all the children of Israel.  
11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?  
12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.  
13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)  
14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.  
15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,  
16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.  
17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,  
18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.  
19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.  
20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:  
21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.  
22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;  
23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:  
24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.  
(KJV)

Josh 14:6-15

6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the name of Hebron before was Kirjath-arba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

(KJV)

Josh 15:13-19

13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath-sepher.

16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?

19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

(KJV)

Bible Reading : Ps 111

Song/s :

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## INTRODUCTION

We have been given by the Word of God many examples in moving on forward.

Phil 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

(KJV)

1 Cor 9:24

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

(KJV)

Heb 12:1

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (KJV)

Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. (KJV)

In the Old Testament we read of many other men who gave examples of moving on forward. Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, etc. One most dear story is about Caleb and his famous declaration - Give me this mountain.

Caleb claimed Mount Hebron - a very significant mountain in the Bible land. It is the highest town in Palestine.

HEBRON

(he'-brun) (chebhron, "league" or "confederacy"; Chebron): One of the most ancient and important cities in Southern Palestine, now known to the Moslems as el Khalil (i.e. Khalil er Rahman, "the friend of the Merciful," i.e. of God, a favorite name for Abraham; compare <James 2:23>). The city is some 20 miles South of Jerusalem, situated in an open valley, 3,040 ft. above sea-level. Between Beersheba and Jerusalem. (from International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, Electronic Database Copyright (C) 1996 by BibleSoft)

Significance of Hebron

- Abram dwelt in Hebron - Gen 13:18
- Abram's name was changed to Abraham in Hebron - Gen 17:5
- The place where three angels appeared before Abraham and announced the promise of a son - Gen 18:1
- Sarah died there - Gen 23:2
- Isaac and Jacob spent much of their lives in this place
- From here, Jacob went down to Egypt, some 150 miles
- In the cave of Machpelah, down the slope of Hebron are buried all the patriarchs and their wives
- It was here where the Eschol grapes were located
- It became one of the cities of Judah

Reach for the crest.. the Caleb factor

#### A) We need Caleb's character

Num 14:24

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (KJV)

##### 1) Servant - humble

Prov 15:33

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility. (KJV)

Prov 18:12

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility. (KJV)

Luke 14:11

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.  
(KJV)

1 Pet 5:5

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.  
(KJV)

## 2) Another spirit - courage with confidence on God's Word. Unlike the rest, doubters.

Deut 31:7

7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.  
(KJV)

Ezek 2:6-7

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.  
(KJV)

1 Cor 16:13

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.  
(KJV)

Phil 1:27-28

27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.  
(KJV)

2 Tim 1:7

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.  
(KJV)

## 3) Followed me fully - loyal

Deut 6:5-9

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.  
(KJV)

Josh 14:8

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.  
(KJV)

1 Chr 29:9

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.  
(KJV)

Prov 23:26

26 My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.  
(KJV)

Acts 11:23

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.  
(KJV)

## **B) We need Caleb's example of waiting upon the Lord**

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- **He waited upon the Lord**

Isa 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.  
(KJV)

Ps 25:3-5

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.  
(KJV)

Ps 27:14

14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.  
(KJV)

Ps 40:1-3

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.  
(KJV)

- **He was kept strong**

- **He used the 40 years to train and equip others to conquer the land instead**

### C) **We need Caleb's strength in the Lord**

Josh 14:12-14

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- **He worked to keep his faith strong**

Ps 27:1

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

(KJV)

2 Cor 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

(KJV)

Deut 1:8

8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

(KJV)

Phil 1:6

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

(KJV)

- **He got other people excited about his dream**
- **He kept himself physically strong**
- **He asked Joshua for his dream**
- **He committed to fight the toughest battles**