

Give Me This Mountain!

Read: Joshua 14:1-15

Main Idea: Faith in God's promises empowers us to overcome life's biggest obstacles because God's faithfulness never fades.

Key Verses: "So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that 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." (**Joshua 14:12**)

Key Principles

- Receiving the assignment God gives frees us to serve beside others without competing for their role.
- Belonging among the people of God rests on wholehearted loyalty to the Lord and never on pedigree.
- Faithfulness when everyone else loses heart may go unrewarded for years, yet God forgets nothing He has promised.
- Delay is not denial, so we measure God's promises by His character rather than by our calendar.
- Advancing years never disqualify a believer, because strength for the assignment comes from the Lord Himself.
- Faith asks God for the hard assignment, expecting Him to do what we could never do ourselves.
- Rest is God's gift on the far side of obedience and a foretaste of the inheritance Christ has secured for us.

Discussion

1. What does Caleb's willingness to receive the portion God assigned expose about how we view the place God gives others?
2. How did Caleb keep following the Lord completely for forty-five years while the generation around him lost heart and fell away?
3. Where are you trusting what you can see rather than what God has spoken? How does Caleb's confidence confront that?
4. Why would Caleb ask for the one region still held by the Anakim? What does that request reveal about his view of God?
5. What does the closing note of rest from war teach us about the rest God gives after obedience? How does Christ fulfill it?
6. What mountain have you been avoiding, and what step will you take this week to move toward it in dependence on the Lord?

Prayer

- Pray for hearts to hold on to God's promises when the wait is long and the obstacle is big.
- Pray for:
 - Boldness in our pulpit to proclaim a God who keeps every word.
 - Endurance for believers among us who are weary of waiting.
 - Courage to invite one person outside the inheritance of Christ.

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| I. | <u>Hold On</u> When the <u>Promise</u> Seems Delayed. | 14:1–9 |
| 1. | <u>Submit</u> to the inheritance God <u>assigns</u> . | 14:1–5 |
| 2. | <u>Stay</u> faithful when others fall <u>away</u> . | 14:6–8 |
| 3. | <u>Stand</u> on what God has <u>spoken</u> . | 14:9 |
| II. | <u>Step Up</u> When the <u>Challenge</u> Looks Too Big. | 14:10–12 |
| 1. | <u>Lean</u> on God's <u>strength</u> . | 14:10–11 |
| 2. | <u>Move</u> forward in <u>faith</u> . | 14:12 |
| III. | <u>Look Back</u> When the <u>Battle</u> Has Been Won. | 14:13–15 |
| 1. | <u>Celebrate</u> the <u>reward</u> of faith. | 14:13–14 |
| 2. | <u>Cherish</u> your <u>rest</u> from God. | 14:15 |

NEXT WEEK:
Inheritance in Full
Joshua 15