

**Title: A strong finish**

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**Joshua 14:6-15** Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: “You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it* was in my heart.. Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. <sup>9</sup> So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’ <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> As yet I *am as strong* this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the Lord *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”. And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba* was the greatest man among the Anakim).

Then the land had rest from war.

#born into slavery (sin)

#redeemed by the blood of the lamb (Blood of Christ)

#delivered from the power of Egypt in the Red Sea (Baptism into Christ)

#received an inheritance as part of God's people (The Word)

## **A different spirit**

**Numbers 14:24** <sup>24</sup> But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it..

## **The Promise**

**Deuteronomy 9:1-5** “Hear, O Israel: You *are* to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven, <sup>2</sup> a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and *of whom* you heard *it said*, ‘Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?’. <sup>3</sup> Therefore understand today that the Lord your God *is* He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you. <sup>4</sup> “Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, ‘Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land’; but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the Lord is driving them out from before you. <sup>5</sup> *It is* not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart *that* you go in to possess their land, but because of the

wickedness of these nations *that* the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

## The Lie in the tent

**Deuteronomy 1:26-33** Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God; <sup>27</sup> and you complained in your tents, and said, 'Because the Lord hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. <sup>28</sup> Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people *are* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'" <sup>29</sup> "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. <sup>30</sup> The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, <sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.' <sup>32</sup> Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God, <sup>33</sup> who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day..

## The witness

**Joshua 14:6** <sup>6</sup> Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God **concerning you and me** in Kadesh Barnea

## The victory

**Joshua 15:13-14** <sup>13</sup> Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a share among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, *namely*, Kirjath Arba, which *is* Hebron (*Arba* was the father of Anak). <sup>14</sup> Caleb drove out the three sons of Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

## The victory

### *Versus*

**Numbers 13:30-31** <sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we."

## The legacy

**Joshua 15:15-19** <sup>15</sup> Then he went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name of Debir was Kirjath Sepher). <sup>16</sup> And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife." <sup>17</sup> So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave him Achsah his daughter as wife. <sup>18</sup> Now it was so, when she came *to him*, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she dismounted from *her* donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?" <sup>19</sup> She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. <sup>19</sup> She answered, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

## The legacy

### *versus*

**Joshua 14:8** <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God

**Numbers 14:3** <sup>3</sup> Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

## Our Choice

### *versus*

**Romans 8:14-18** <sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

## Next steps:

#What are the promises that defines your life?

#What are the lies that are challenging those promises?

#Are you repeating the promise or the lie in your tent (heart and inner-circle)?

#Who shared/witnessed significant moments/promises in your life? Cultivate the power of agreement.

#What will be your legacy? Fear or inspirational faith?

**Numbers 14:3** <sup>3</sup> Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become