

EMBRACING CHANGE
"Staying Focused Avoiding Failure"
Joshua 14:6-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. **Joshua 14:6**
 - a) Notice Caleb was a **Kenizzite**.
 - b) Caleb like Rehab trusted in Jehovah, the one true God.

2. **Romans 1:18-25**

3. **Very Important:** God will accept anybody who comes to him in repentance.
 - a) **2 Peter 3:9**

4. Notice "the LORD said"
 - a) Vs 6, 10a, 10b, 12a, 12b.

5. Vs 9
 - a) And Moses agreed!!

6. Caleb experienced the **BIGGEST change of his life** @ 85 years of age.

THREE CHARACTER QUALITIES THAT ENABLED CALEB TO BE FAITHFUL

I. AN UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT

1. **Numbers 14:24**
 - a) "**a different spirit**"
 - 1) Caleb had a spirit of a different kind!!
 - 2) Spirit here speaks of disposition, vivacity!!

2. **Joshua 14:6-7**

3. Vs 10-11

4. **THE GOLDEN YEARS:**

*Old age is golden so we heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder when I get in bed.*

My ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,

My eyes on the table till I wake up.

*Sleep dims my eyes and I say to myself,
Is there anything else I should leave on the shelf?*

5. The reason Caleb had an **UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT** was because of his commitment to the Lord.

II. AN UNCONTROLLABLE VISION

1. Caleb was visionary.

a) Vision - is a vivid picture created by the imagination.

2. Caleb didn't have an easy life.

a) In the wilderness he experienced 40 years of:

- 1) *desert*
- 2) *death*
- 3) *discouragement*

b) For 40 years Caleb went to a lot of funerals.

3. The vision Caleb had was the vision he got from God.

4. Vs 12

a) What hill? Vs 14

5. Your age reveals how long you've been on the road...but your age doesn't reveal how far you've traveled.

6. *Colossians 3:2*

7. *1 Corinthians 2:9*

8. Vs 12

a) "*that day*" (What day?)

b) Numbers 13:28, 33

9. An FYI there are 3 groups of giants in the O.T.

- a) **Nephilim**
- b) **Anakim**
- c) **Rephaim**

10. Interesting Information:

- a) The **Nephilim** were the largest of the *Giants* - 15 feet tall
- b) Then the **Anakim** which came from the Nephilim - 12 feet tall
- c) And the **Rephaim** were the smallest of the *Giant* - 9-10 feet tall

11. Caleb was 85 years of age and was taking on giants approximately 5 feet taller than Shakeil O'Neil.

- a) Shak is 7' tall 300 lbs.

12. *Judges 1:20*

13. Many Christians today stop living long before they die.

14. When you lose your vision...you begin the process of dying. Caleb was 85!!!

15. *Numbers 13:28; 33*

16. *Joshua 14:8*

- a) "**melt**" - is a word that means to disappear.

17. *Numbers 14:8-10*

18. *Joshua 14:12*

I. AN UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT

II. AN UNCONTROLABLE VISION

III. AN UNDENIABLE DEVOTION

1. *Joshua 14:13-14*

2. Cf. *Judges 1:20*

3. *Joshua 13:1*

4. *Joshua 18:2-3*

5. *Joshua 13:13, 15:63; 16:10; 17:13*

CONCLUSION:

1. *John 14:15*