

Consistency Like Caleb

Joshua 14:6-14

Numbers 13:30 - 14:10

**⁶ Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me.
⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions,**

Joshua 14:6-14 (NIV)

⁸ but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.

⁹ So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.’

Joshua 14:6-14 (NIV)

¹⁰ “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! ¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.

Joshua 14:6-14 (NIV)

¹² Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

Joshua 14:6-14 (NIV)

¹³ Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. ¹⁴ So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

Joshua 14:6-14 (NIV)

Early Life

Wilderness

Late Life

Born into
slavery
in Egypt

Age
40

Age
85

Settles in
promised land

Numbers 13-14

Joshua 14

Caleb's life is a study in consistency!



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1. Consistent faithfulness (to God)

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24 But because my servant Caleb
has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly,
I will bring him into the land he went to,
and his descendants will inherit it.

Numbers 14:24 (NIV)

Consistent faithfulness (to God)

³⁴ When the Lord heard what you said, he was angry and solemnly swore: ³⁵ “No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, ³⁶ except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly.

Deuteronomy 1:34-36 (NIV)

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Joshua 14:8-9 (NIV)

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Joshua 14:14 (NIV)

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Joshua 14:12 (NIV)

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2. Consistent fidelity (to his people)

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Fidelity - loyalty; strict observance of
promises or duties

Consistent fidelity (to his people)

³ So at the Lord's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran.
All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

⁴ These are their names:

⁶ from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh

Number 13:3-4, 6 (NIV)

Consistent fidelity (to his people)

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. ⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

Numbers 14:5-10 (NIV)

Consistent fidelity (to his people)

⁸ If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the Lord.

And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

Numbers 14:5-10 (NIV)

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¹⁰ But the whole assembly talked about stoning them.

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4. Consistent courage

Consistent courage

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”

Numbers 13:30-31 (NIV)

Consistent courage

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Numbers 14:10 (NIV)

Consistent courage

^{10B} So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. ¹² Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day.

Joshua 14:10-12 (NIV)

Consistent courage

²⁸ “But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. . . ^{32B} All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

Numbers 13:28, 32-33 (NIV)

Consistent courage

¹² Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

Joshua 14:12 (NIV)

Consistent courage

**¹⁴ From Hebron Caleb drove out the three Anakites
—Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmi, the sons of Anak.**

Joshua 15:14 (NIV)

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