

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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## I. The IMAGINATION of Caleb's Faith (Num. 13:30, 14:7-9)

1. The ten spies, gripped by fear, see only what is there.
2. Caleb & Joshua, by faith, see beyond what is there to what the Lord has promised.

## II. The ISOLATION of Caleb's Faith (Num. 14:10)

1. Fear creates PANIC (14:1)
2. Fear gives rise to GRUMBLING (14:2)
3. Fear leads to WITHDRAWAL (14:4)
4. Fear is opposed and hostile toward faith (14:10)

## III. The FOUNDATION of Caleb's Faith (Joshua 14:6-12)

1. *You know the word which the **Lord spoke** (14:6)*
2. *So **Moses swore** to me (14:9)*
3. *The Lord has let me live, just as **He spoke** (14:10)*
4. *Give me this land about which **the Lord spoke** (14:12)*
5. *I will drive them out as **the Lord has spoken** (14:12)*

## IV. The DETERMINATION of Caleb's Faith (Joshua 14:11-12)

1. Caleb, by faith, follows the Lord FULLY. (14:8, 9, 14)
2. Caleb, by faith, clings to God's Word for 45 years.
3. Caleb, by faith, desires the hill country to seize and prove the promises of God.
4. Caleb, by faith, acknowledges the sovereignty of God.

## V. The REALIZATION of Caleb's Faith (Joshua 14:13-14)

*Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully. –Joshua 14:14*

## **Growth Group Understanding Questions**

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1. Read Numbers 13-14 and Joshua 14 in their entirety. What happens at the end of Numbers 14? Why?
2. In Numbers 13, why was the report of the 10 spies considered “bad” or negative? What was their bad report evidence of? What were the consequences of their bad report in Numbers 14:26-38? What is Caleb and Joshua’s report and the people’s response? The Lord’s response?
3. In Joshua 14, what are the two repeated phrases we see in Caleb’s monologue? Hold old is he? What does he want? What are the obstacles to what he wants?
4. What do you make of the word “perhaps” in Joshua 14:12? Is this an indication of doubt or might it be an indication of something else?
5. Read Hebrews 11:1 and 11:6 and tell how they relate to the story of Caleb?

## **Growth Group Application Questions**

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1. What inspired you or challenged you about Caleb’s story?
2. What are the two opposites of “faith in the Lord?” Which are you most prone to? Why, do you think? What do you or can you do to overcome this tendency?
3. Compare and contrast Rebekah and Caleb. How does the contrast of their stories challenge us?
4. How have you experienced the “isolation of faith?” Why does faith sometimes lead to loneliness and isolation? What should we do when it does?
5. Do you remember any of the examples that were given in the message of folks in our community at Grace that desire “the hill country” in their lives? Can you think of others? What sort of “hill country” do you desire?
6. Why is it that so few people persevere in faith? What would it look like for us to become a Caleb-like church?