

Find Courage
Faith Heroes – Part 3
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Joshua 1:9 (ESV) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV2011) Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.

1. Believe in God's _____

Numbers 13:2 (ESV) "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."

1A. _____ for the promise

Numbers 13:17-18, 20b (ESV) Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, ... Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land."

1B. Don't lose _____

Numbers 13:30-31 (ESV) But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Then 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 are."

2. Speak _____ for God

Numbers 14:1-2 (ESV) Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!"

2A. Exercise courageous _____

Numbers 14:6-8 (ESV) And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

2B. God _____ courage

Numbers 14:22-24 (ESV) none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

3. _____ God's promise

Joshua 14:7 (ESV) 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 him word again as it was in my heart.

3A. _____ God whole-heartedly

Joshua 14:8 (ESV) But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the LORD my God.

3B. Claim your _____

Joshua 14:10-11 (ESV) And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming.

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

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Numbers 13-14, Joshua 14)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you define courage with regard to believing God's promises and following His instructions?

Intro. What can you learn about courage from Joshua 1:9?

Intro. What aspects of courage are described in 1 Corinthians 16:13?

1A. What was God's promise to Israel concerning the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:2, Exodus 3:8)?

1B. What was the purpose of exploring the Promised Land before the people entered (Numbers 13:17-18)?

1C. Why do you think the people became so fearful at the words of the doubters (Numbers 13:30-31)?

1D. Why is it important to keep the promises of God in view when we face difficulties in life?

2A. How did the Israelite's response to the spies impact their faith in God (Numbers 14:1-2)?

2B. Why did Joshua and Caleb have such a different report and response to the spying mission (Numbers 14:6-8)?

2C. Why was God's response to the people's rebellion so severe (Numbers 14:22-24)?

2D. What enemies are standing between you and God's promises for your life?

2E. How can you move from fear to faith in your biggest challenge?

3A. Why is it important to remember how God has worked in our lives in the past (Joshua 14:7)?

3B. In what ways did Caleb whole-heartedly follow the Lord (Joshua 14:8)?

3C. How had God blessed Caleb's faith over his life (Joshua 14:10-11)?

3D. How had Caleb's faith grown stronger over the years (Joshua 14:12)?

3E. How can believers stay strong in their faith even when it takes a long time for God's promises to be realized?