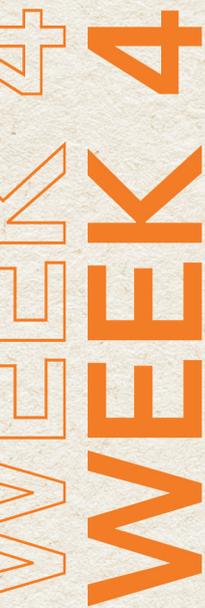


STEADFAST DEVOTIONALS



LIVE FOR THIS!

"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."

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

Joshua 14:12-14

Caleb was not a young man. He was 85 years old, and yet, he asked for the hill country. Caleb was Joshua's righthand man, which is safe to say that he could have done anything he wanted. He put in his time in the desert for 40 years. He was faithful to the Lord his entire life. It seems only right that he move into a quiet spot and enjoy his retirement.

But that's not Caleb's story. Caleb insisted on taking what the Lord had promised. He wanted all the territory to be taken for God, and he was willing to fight and sacrifice in order to do so. And his reward? A land that has remained in his family for generations. Oh and the view from the top of the hill was probably pretty amazing too.

Let Caleb be an example to us all that God can use us, no matter what we think our limitations are. He didn't bow down to the status quo. He served the Lord wholeheartedly and believed in the Lord's promises. We can too.

CHALLENGE

You are never too young or too old to be used by God. When you follow after God with your whole heart, He promises to be with you. How can you be more like Caleb? Is there something holding you back from being courageous for Jesus? Are you living a comfortable life or a bold one? Read through Joshua 14 this week and answer these questions on the Reflections page.

PRAY THIS

God, I know you have me here for such a time as this. Don't let me give in to my fears that I cannot be used by You. Give me the courage to live my life for Jesus and serve others wholeheartedly. I want to hear Your voice and do Your will, Lord. Thank you for always calling me to more.

