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REACHING FOR YOUR INHERITANCE

I really love my parents, but they have passed away and all of my grandparents are gone as well. Whatever inheritance I was meant to receive from them, I have received. The inheritance I now seek does not come from earthly ancestors, but from God; and I am not referring to my inheritance in eternity, but what I will gain in this life. Every wise father loves to give an inheritance to his children. So does God. The inheritance He gives, however, is much more than money. It includes, wisdom, revelation, wealth, grace, favor, health, anointing, ministry, authority and long life. I reach for my inheritance every day so that I may serve the Lord well. Like a spring of water, it keeps coming and because of it, I am able to bless many people and leave a great legacy for my family. Receiving your inheritance is the fulfillment of God's will for your life. Reach for it; no fight for it.

Please read Joshua 15:13-19. The Lord is always wanting to bless someone. Here is the story of Caleb. He did what God required. He reached for and received an amazing inheritance. His daughter was just like her father. She was an incredible lady and received an outstanding inheritance as well. Here are 5 steps that will help you reach for your inheritance.

1. Caleb refused to be held back, even though he had a bad start. We can all relate to Caleb, for like us, his story begins with great disadvantage. The name Caleb literally means dog. In his day, a name was not given to a child because it sounded good, but because of its meaning. His father called him dog because of the anger and frustration in his own life. With this name, he cursed Caleb, but Caleb rose above it. He did not let a devastating start hinder his future.

2. The scripture says that Caleb loved the Lord God with all of his heart and Moses noticed it. When Caleb was 40, Moses chose him out of 30 thousand men to represent the tribe of Judah and be one of the 12 who were sent to spy out the land. This honor was given to Caleb because he loved God wholeheartedly and that love produced in Caleb an excellent spirit.

3. Caleb had great faith. While 10 of the spies said

that the land was full of giants and we are like grasshoppers before them, Caleb and Joshua said we will eat the giants as if they were bread. The Lord promised them the land and Caleb believed it was theirs. Like the 10 spies, many church leaders, cause God's people to sin. They lead from a position of fear rather than faith. Democracy is not the government that God chooses for the church because too many Christians vote their fears instead of faith. Because of Caleb's faith, Moses promised that the land Caleb stood on and spied would become his inheritance.

Forty years passed and all of Caleb's generation died. When Caleb was 80, they entered the land. Over the next 5 years the land was divided among the tribes of Israel. When Caleb was 85, he asked Joshua to give him the land that was promised to him for an inheritance. God commanded that the land of Hebron be given to Caleb, but the Anakites were there.

4. Caleb was determined to fight. He told Joshua that he was strong and just as ready to fight as he was 45 years earlier. He said he was just as vigorous to go out to battle as he was back then. So at 85, he led his army and drove out the sons of Anak. He was not just willing, but determined to go to war in order to acquire his inheritance. Are you determined to go to

war to acquire your inheritance? This is so important. Call this message, "I am Looking for a Fight."

There are many reasons to give up and leave the fight, but listen, this is normal, there is always a fight to get your inheritance. The battle is not against other Christians, pastors or your spouse; in fact, you must forgive and bless them. The other 11 tribes of Israel are not the problem. There are lots of blessings to go around, so do not be in competition with your brothers. Your promotion and inheritance only comes from God. Your fight is against demonic powers of darkness that war against you from without and within. They will discourage you, beat you up and make you quit, if they can. Regardless of the odds, humble yourself before the Lord, wait for his timing, and fight the devil; drive out the sons of Anak.

5. Caleb was always looking to the future. That is where his inheritance was. In the wilderness, he faced an intense personal struggle that lasted for 45 years, but he held on to what was promised and always focused on his future. While dealing with the present, you must always focus on your future. Everything you do must be connected to obtaining your inheritance. Nothing else in your life is more important than that, and if you stay the course and keep the pressure on, it will come to you.

God wants to give you your inheritance so do not take shortcuts. Do the work that God requires and press ahead with undying faith and resolve.

Caleb had a great inheritance. He also had an outstanding daughter. Her name was Acsah and she had the same faith and resolve that he had. Caleb knew she needed the right man to marry her, so that she might qualify for the inheritance. There was one more parcel of land to be conquered before Caleb's inheritance was complete. Caleb could conquer it himself, but instead he used it as a test. He told his people that whoever conquered Debir, would have his daughter's hand in marriage. Caleb wanted a local tribesman from Judah to marry his daughter, but he also wanted a man of faith and victory to marry her. His nephew, Othniel conquered Debir and won Acsah's hand in marriage. Caleb was thrilled.

He waited and watched Othniel and Acsah to see if his inheritance could be passed on to this special couple.

One day, Acsah asked Othniel, her husband, to ask her father for a field that they might have land for themselves. Acsah looked to the future and knew what had to be done. Othniel was bold, so he approached Caleb. His father-in-law gladly gave them a large parcel of land for their inheritance.

Some time later, Caleb approached his daughter Acsah as she was dismounting from her donkey. Othniel and

Acsah had proven themselves and Caleb was ready to release more of his inheritance to them. He asked Acsah, "What can I do for you?"

Acsah said, "Do me a special favor. Since you have given me land ... give me also springs of water."

Water was and is the most valuable commodity in Israel. Whoever owns springs has great wealth and power in the region. For believers, springs of water mean spiritual blessings.

The Bible says that Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs. The upper springs are for the mountain sides. It is hard to take water from below to the high places, so those who owned wells on the hills had unmatched resources. The lower springs, however, gave them abundance, for they irrigated the fertile valley where the best crops grow.

It is your right to possess the land and gain the upper and lower springs. This benefit is for your family and for the community you serve. So, follow the example of Caleb, Acsah and Othniel who lived and reached for their inheritance.

1. Get over your bad start
2. Love the Lord wholeheartedly
3. Have an undying faith that God has great blessings for you
4. Be determined to fight the battle
5. Focus on your future and always reach for your inheritance. **AΩ**



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