

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD

Dear Friend:

I was reading a few chapters in Joshua last week and I came across a very familiar passage, I have probably read it 100 times, but this time it hit me in a different way. You are familiar with it: Joshua 14:6-15, this is in the context of Joshua, Caleb, and the leaders dividing-up the Promise Land for all the Jewish people. When it comes time to assign Caleb and his family their territory, Caleb says to the leaders: "Give me the hill country (including the mountains)". If it wasn't tough enough, the hill country was filled with giant-sized men (the Anakites). Caleb, however, had no fear of either the mountains or the giants. His faith was more giant than the actual giants. Keep in mind, Caleb was 85 years old when he chose his territory. Too old for the battle? No way! Too old to think about the future? No way! If you get a chance, please read Joshua 14 and you will see four lessons Caleb can teach us.

First lesson: Caleb believed that in spite of being 85 years old God still had a purpose for his life. God kept Caleb alive for a reason. No matter your age: God has you alive for a purpose, he has more than one reason why you're on earth. Second lesson: God's promises are not broken. I love the fact that two times Caleb directly referred to God's promise and a third time he alluded to it. Third lesson: God gives you power to take-on the giants in our life. If there is a difficulty facing you remember, God provided for 85-year-old Caleb, he will provide for you. Fourth lesson: God is pleased when we serve him wholeheartedly. Caleb's name means: "Faithful, determined dog". Forty years prior to Joshua 14, it was only Caleb and Joshua (2 of 12 spies) who took back a report to Moses that said, "We should certainly go into the Promised Land now". Caleb served God wholeheartedly, he knew God's will and did it. It always pleases God when we serve him wholeheartedly.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Rose Farber, Mavis Baker, and Clarabell Harlan (shut in of the month)

Events: This Friday - Outreach Team Meeting, 10:30 a.m.;
Tuesday, Sept. 10th - Management Team Meeting, 7:00 p.m.;
Thursday, Sept. 12th - Movie at Gahana 16 Movies "God Is Not Dead In God We Trust" 3:30 p.m.