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**Stand Out by Not Giving Up? Because we are his inheritance.**

How do you keep going when everything in you wants to quit? The fight of our life is to keep going when we want to stop.

How often have you said in the last few months “I’m done.”

**Background on Caleb:**

**Joshua 14:6b-7**

You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. **7** 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. **8** But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God.

Caleb takes Joshua down memory lane

**Follow God:**

**Joshua 14:9**

**9** And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.’

Heart

Whole obedience. The word picture here a full container.

What was the result of his obedience? **An inheritance.**

**Inheritance - An inheritance is property, money, or rights passed from one party to another by means other than purchase or exchange.**

**Property may be claimed via conquest, given by a leading figure, or passed down from one family generation to another.**

God is promising Caleb an inheritance, a reserved plot in the future land. And now 45 years later he is ready to cash in

**Caleb’s Request:**

Joshua 14:11-12

**10** 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. **11** 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. **12** 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.”

There are things that stand out and there are things that jump out.

Here is the other that jumps out:

#### **Joshua 14:11**

**11** 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

Caleb’s strength = The only possible explanation is God’s sovereign provision.

#### **Joshua 14:12**

**12** 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.”

#### **Caleb claims his mountain.**

Caleb wants Hebron,

to hike all 3,366 ft to the top.

Just because you are old doesn’t mean you are dead. Look again at what Caleb said in verse 10

#### **Joshua 14:10**

And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said

God has kept him alive, as promised.

**If you’re not dead, then God’s not done.** You have given up.

There are prayers that need to be prayed, there are gifts that need to be given, and there are souls that need to be saved. Don’t give up, don’t ever give up.

Caleb wants the mountain, here’s the thing, the Anakim, the big scary giants, they are still living on the hill.

### **Joshua 15:14**

**14** And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the descendants of Anak.

### **Joshua 14:14**

**14** Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel.

### **Don't Give Up:**

It doesn't matter the age, please don't give up.

Life is full of Disappointments . .

Please don't give up. God is not done.

### **Habakkuk 2:3**

For still the vision awaits its appointed time;

it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay

God's vision, his will, his promises, and his plans will be neither early or late, they will arrive precisely on time. So keep going and keep running.

### **We need each other:**

One of Morning Star's greatest strengths is that we are a multi generational church. Let's not waste this gift.

### **The Inheritance:**

We think of what we get.

Christ is the heir: himself as the Son is the true heir (Mt 21:38; Mk 12:7; Lk 20:14) He has inherited a name above every name (Phil 2:9; Heb 1:4) and has been appointed heir of all things (Heb 1:2; see Ps 2:7, 8; Mt 28:18). But by his grace all who become his through faith are counted joint heirs with him (Rom 8:17). Fabulous, but it gets even better.

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

**13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

In short, our inheritance is nothing less than full salvation (Heb1:14; 11:7), which God carefully guards for us in heaven (1 Pt 1:4). **It gets better though.**

### **Deut 32:8-9**

**8** When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,

when he divided mankind,

he fixed the borders of the peoples

according to the number of the sons of God.

But the Lord's portion is his people,

Jacob his allotted heritage.

### **Ephesians 1:17-18**

**17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, **18** having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of **his glorious inheritance in the saints.**

This means that Caleb is a picture of Jesus, Caleb climbed Mt. Hebron to claim what belonged to him and some 1500 years later Jesus would also climb a mountain, Mt. calvary, to claim what was his.

This is why we don't give up, this is why we finish strong, this is why we keep obeying. We do these things not to gain an inheritance, but because we are the inheritance.

### **Don't give up.**

Don't give up on your walk with Jesus, your marriage, your call to ministry, your job, or your friends.

Don't give up on your kids, or co workers

Don't give up praying, reading your Bible, or serving the less fortunate.

Don't give up laughing, don't give up loving people

Don't give up learning and asking questions.

Don't give up growing emotionally and spiritually.

Don't give up because **you are** the inheritance.