

# Give Me This Mountain

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*Give me this hill country that the Lord promised me.. Joshua 14:12*

*Joshua 14:6-15*



# Meet Caleb — A Remarkable Man at 85



## Who He Was

One of only two men from the Exodus generation to enter the Promised Land. A spy, a soldier, a man of faith.



## 45 Years Later

God made him a promise at age 40 through Moses. At 85, he came to claim it — still strong, still believing.



## What Made Him Remarkable

While a whole generation melted in fear and perished, Caleb stood. His secret: he wholly followed God.

## Joshua 14:6–10

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**6** Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "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. **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.' **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.

## Joshua 14:11–15

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**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." **13** Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. **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. **15** Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Three Keys to Caleb's Remarkable Life

# What Made an 85-Year-Old Unstoppable?

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## DRIVEN

*Filled with God*

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v.6-8

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*"He wholly followed the LORD his God"*

02



## DESIGNED

*Living God's Plan*

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v.9-11

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*"He wholly followed the LORD his God"*

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## DIRECTED

*Under God's Direction*

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v.12-13

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## Filled with God, Not Fear

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## Colonel H. Sanders — Never Gave Up



### 1 The Collapse — Age 65

A new highway bypassed his restaurant overnight. His life's work gone. Left with only \$105/month Social Security. Most men retire. Caleb asked for the mountain. Sanders grabbed his recipe.

### 2 The 1,009 Rejections

He drove across America sleeping in his car, cooking in strangers' kitchens. 1,009 restaurants said no. He kept knocking. The 1,010th said yes — and KFC was born.

### 3 The Mountain Claimed — Age 73

Over 600 franchises. Sold for \$2 million. Remained the face of KFC for life. His rule: "Do all you can, and do the best you can." What God places in a driven person has no expiry date.

*"Caleb watched a whole generation die in the wilderness — but he kept standing. What God places in a driven person has no expiry date."*

## Living God's Pre-ordained Plan

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## The Bigger Design: Judah, Hebron & Jesus

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## Living Under God's Word and Authority

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# The Fruit of a Driven, Designed and Directed Life

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THE INVITATION – What Mountain has God been pointing you toward?

# "Give Me This Mountain"

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 Be DRIVEN — Let God fill you so completely that fear has no room

 Be DESIGNED — Trust that God preserved you for THIS moment

 Be DIRECTED — Ask boldly. Surrender completely. Follow wholly.

*"Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb... because he wholly followed the LORD." — Joshua 14:14*