Courageous Caleb

Ken Chapman · Numbers 13:17–14:24

INTRODUCTION

- There's times in which we're called upon, and we might surprise ourselves just how brave we can be under certain circumstances.
- Now, this morning I'm not going to talk to you about physical bravery, but about spiritual bravery.
- But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed me fully, I will bring him into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

1 His Confidence Was in God

Numbers 14:7–8; Philippians 4:10–13

- His confidence was not in him and Joshua, and not even in Moses and the children of Israel. His confidence was in God.
- If the Lord delights in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey.
- If we're to have a different spirit within us and demonstrate any kind of courage and true spiritual bravery, it's going to be because our confidence is in God, not in ourself.
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- Faith, true Christian faith, involves having confidence that God will do what he says he will do, and that God is with us, and we can do it all through him.
- He had confidence because God said so.

2 He Was Willing to Be Used

Numbers 13:2

- Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I'm giving to the children of Israel. From each of the tribes of their fathers, you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.
- All twelve of these men, even the ten who gave the bad report, were chosen because they had already established themselves as leaders.
- Demonstrating the capacity to be willing to be used in the kingdom for God's purposes does not go unnoticed by God.
- That tells me that I need to be the one who steps up and who is willing to be used.
- The attitude of the prophet, here am I, send me, should be the attitude of every one of us as spiritual leaders of our own spiritual lives.

3 He Completely Obeyed God

Numbers 14:24

- He was courageous and demonstrated this different spirit because he completely obeyed God.

- Go and report on the condition of the land. Nowhere in their instructions were they told to offer their opinion about whether or not the land could be defeated.
- My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit within him and has followed me fully.
- We have no right to alter God's commands, to change God's commission to us in any way.

THE CHALLENGE

God's looking for the Calebs among us. Will you be brave? Will you stand up and remember God?

MY NOTES