Following the Lord Fully

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you to think with me this morning, his counterpart. The one who's overshadowed.
- I especially want you to notice something that is said about Caleb twice in our reading just now, but six times total in the Old Testament.
- Something that is not said about any other character in the Bible.

1 It Takes Vision

Numbers 13:30

- It takes vision to do this. We're going to have to see things from a different perspective. Not just our own limited perspective, but to see things from the perspective of God.
- We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it.
- Yes, they are exactly as it reported. But the cities are not as strong as God. And the people are not as big as God.
- This is not a sermon about positive thinking. This is not just being optimistic. This is about having faith in God.
- He changed his vision. Took his eyes off the Lord. And started looking at the storms of life.
- It takes vision of seeing things from God's throne and remembering he's in control.

2 It Takes Devotion, Not to People, but to God

Numbers 1:27; Numbers 14:8–9

- This takes devotion. A devotion not to people, but to God.
- They weren't taking their stand against the rebel rousers of Israel. They were taking their stand against the fellow leaders.
- They would not change what they believed because they were not devoted to people. They were devoted to God.
- Only do not rebel against the Lord, and do not fear the people of the land, for they shall be our prey.
- You've got to reach the point where your devotion is to God. Because you're not following them. You're following him.
- Are you ready to be so devoted to God that you would stand up in your household and say, we shouldn't be watching this.

3 It Takes Completion

Joshua 14:10–12; Joshua 15:14; 2 Timothy 4:6–8

- Fully means to see it all the way through, to complete what you started.

- I am eighty-five years old today. As my strength was then, so my strength is now for war and for going out and coming in.
- You give me the giants. We were supposed to wipe them out 45 years ago, and I was ready then, and I'm ready now.
- This is not just something you start and do it when it's easy or convenient or when you feel like it. You see it all the way through.
- He didn't say, I never entertained any doubts. No, he kept the faith. He kept coming back to what he knew.
- When you follow the Lord fully, you don't stop until you're in his presence.

THE CHALLENGE

Quit seeing things from your limited perspective and change your vision. Don't be devoted to people who change and disappoint. Be devoted to God, who is always the same. And complete what you started to receive the crown of life.

MY NOTES