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Numbers 13:1-2

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

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Numbers 13:25

At the end of forty days they returned
from exploring the land.

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Numbers 13:27-31

²⁷ They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

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Numbers 13:27-31

²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

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Numbers 13:27-31

²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

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Numbers 13:27-31

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

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Numbers 13:27-31

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said,
“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger
than we are.”

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Numbers 14:20-24

²⁰ The Lord replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked. ²¹ Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth,

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Numbers 14:20-24

²² not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times—

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Numbers 14:20-24

²³ not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

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Numbers 14:20-24

²⁴ But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

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Joshua 14:6-15

⁶ Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me.

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Joshua 14:6-15

⁷ I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land.

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Joshua 14:6-15

And I brought him back a report according to my convictions,⁸ but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear.

I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.

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Joshua 14:6-15

⁹ So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.’

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Joshua 14:6-15

¹⁰ “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness.

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Joshua 14:6-15

So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.

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¹² Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

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Joshua 14:6-15

¹³ Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. ¹⁴ So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

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Joshua 14:6-15

¹⁵ (Hebron used to be called Kiriath Arba after Arba, who was the greatest man among the Anakites.)
Then the land had rest from war.

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Caleb's Lived Out Example

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- Caleb's **servant heart** kept him in active service throughout his life

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Takeaways from Caleb's Exemplary Life

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Takeaways from Caleb's Exemplary Life

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- **Remain active in service and use my God-given gifts all my life**

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