
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Part 18

Small Group Questions: Taking New Mountains

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Read

Numbers 13 and Joshua 14:6–15

Reflect

In Joshua 14, Caleb requests the inheritance of land promised to him by God through Moses 45 years earlier. Of the original Israelites of the exodus from Egypt, only Joshua and Caleb remain alive to enter the Promised Land because of the wholehearted faith and trust in God they showed when sent out to spy on the Canaanites (Numbers 13). Out of 12 spies, they were the only two to say the land and mountains could be taken from the “giants” who lived there. It has been 45 years, but God keeps his promise, granting Hebron to Caleb and his descendants. How willing are you to wait for God’s timing to lead you to your “promised land”?

Pastor Greg offers us two truths to help us take mountains of faith:

1. God has mountains he wants you to take.
 - a. Is the idea of taking a new mountain, exciting to you? Why or why not?
 - b. What mountain is God asking you to climb?
2. There are giants between you and the summit.
 - a. What giants (internal and external) are you facing? How are these giants holding you back?

Four principles we can learn from Caleb about taking mountains by faith:

1. Make sure you choose the right mountain.
 - a. Can you answer “yes” to the following questions regarding the mountain you’re trying to climb?
 - i. The desire won’t go away.
 - ii. The desire passes the Bible test.
 - iii. The desire sounds right to wise people who love you.
 - b. When have you gotten caught up in comparing the mountains in your life to those of others?
 - c. Have you ever quit after starting up a mountain? What was the reason?
2. Make sure you have the right attitude.
 - a. Could you confidently stand before your peers and say you’re following God wholeheartedly?
 - b. Would you say your focus is on God or on the giants? How does what you talk about in conversation support this? Do you need to adjust your focus?
3. Make sure you factor in a few detours.
 - a. Has God ever used delays/detours to prepare you for the task of taking a mountain? Explain.
4. Make sure you keep your eye on the why.
 - a. What are your reasons for climbing that specific mountain? How does attaining that summit glorify God?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?