

## *Get Rid Of The Excuses - Bishop Rice*

Joshua 14:6-13

Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God. And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

1. Whenever God gives you an assignment, He also gives you the ability to do so.
2. Keep the promise of God in front of you.
3. Caleb says "**I want my mountain**". In spite of his age, he still possessed the same faith he had forty-five years earlier when he and Joshua were sent to spy out the land.

4. Caleb had to "**speak up**". A lot of us are fearful to speak up and ask for what was ours.
5. God did not create us to "sit down" (sedentary). These bodies are created to be active. **To take action.** Deuteronomy 7:15 - And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. Proverbs 4:20-21 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
6. Some of us could and should be further along, but because we are stagnate and wait for the resources, instead of stepping out in faith and trusting in God to do what He can and will do. **Let Go and Let God!!!!**
7. We have and exercise faith in some areas, but lack faith in other areas. God is trying to build up our faith in all areas. Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: **let the weak say, I am strong.**
8. It took Caleb forty years before he could claim what was his. It may take some time because God is getting us to a place to know and recognize Him in all of our workings PRIOR to blessing us, so that only He gets the glory. Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord: that is my name: and **my glory will I not give to another**, neither my praise to graven images.
9. We need a supernatural move of God individually and corporately!