

Following God Fully Joshua 14:6-15 Series: The Venture and Victory of Faith on Joshua, #11 Pastor Lyle L. Wahl March 17, 2024

Theme: The victory of faith comes through following God fully.

Caleb's example of following God fully.

- Early in Israel's journey. (Numbers 13:1–14:38; see also Deuteronomy 1:19-40; Exodus 3:7-8)
- 2. Forty-five years later. (Joshua 14:6-15)

Lessons from Caleb on following God fully.

1. Follow God with all your heart.

(14:8-10; see also Numbers 14:5-9, 24; Psalm 37:1-6; 63:8; Proverbs 3:5; 4:23; Matthew 22:34-38; Luke 9:18-27; 14:25-33)

2. Follow God through all the difficulties and dangers.

(14:7-8, 12-15; see also Numbers 13:30-33; 14:6-10; John 15:18-20; Romans 8:31-39; 14:8; 2 Corinthians 11:23-33; 2 Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 11:32-40)

3. Follow God in all He says.

(14:6-12; see also 1:2-9, 11; Genesis 3:8; 12:4-7; 13:14-15, 17; 15:7; Exodus 3:8, 17; Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9; Deuteronomy 1:36; 11:32; 12:28, 32; 31:12; 34:4; John 14:21; James 2:10; 3:2; 1 John 2:4)

4. Follow God in all your days.

(14:8-10; see also Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:1-2; 11:1; 2 Chronicles 14:1–16:14; Psalm 52:8; 62:8; Isaiah 26:4; John 8:31)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Experiencing the victory of faith does not come by half-measures. We have seen different pictures of this throughout Joshua. Caleb shows us that we must follow God fully, including following God with all our heart. What does it mean and not mean to follow God with all your heart? Are you following God with all your heart today?

Tuesday. Being fully devoted to God includes following Him through all the difficulties and dangers you face. Caleb followed God even though the majority of his team members did not (Numbers 13:25-33), even though the people wanted to stone him (Numbers 14:10), and also through the difficult and dangerous conquest of Canaan and his own inheritance in the hill country. Have difficulties and dangers led you to compromise, to not follow and obey God fully?

Wednesday. Following God in all He says is essential to being devoted to Him and experiencing the victory of faith. Caleb banked on God's promises and followed God's commands. Review the Scripture references in the outline about this. Are you banking on God's promises and following His commands?

Thursday. There is no retirement from the spiritual battle on earth. We must follow God all our days to see consistent victory through faith. At age 85 Caleb asked for some hill country with strong cities and people to be conquered for his inheritance. We do this one day at a time for our lifetime. How are you doing in this?

Friday – Saturday. Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will take a break from our series in Joshua and will look at *The King of Glory* from Psalm 24. Read the Psalm in preparation for our time together.

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