

A Fully Engaged Life: Caleb

Bible study questions

1. Caleb is remembered and celebrated as being a man who followed the Lord *wholeheartedly*. How do you think others will remember your service to God? Do you know anyone who has given their lives to God wholeheartedly?
2. Caleb was a foreigner called on to do great things for God and the Israelites. Although he was Kenizzite by birth, God selected Caleb as a “leader of the Israelites” (Numbers 13:3), and representative of the tribe of Judah, to explore the land of Canaan. Were you born into a Christian household? Or were you a foreigner to Christianity by birth? If so, what events led you to become Christian?
3. Caleb is remembered for refusing to allow anything distract him from his service to God—not even the ‘giant’ Amalekites he had seen in Hebron, a land that threatened to ‘devour’ them. Can we describe ourselves and our own service to God in the same way? What aspects of contemporary life threaten to distract our hearts away from Him?
4. What characterizes Caleb’s wholehearted devotion to God is his “Go for it!” attitude, and his willingness to fight ‘giants’ in whose eyes the Israelite spies saw themselves as grasshoppers. Giants of all kinds continue to get in the way of great work that we can do for God in our own lives. What are some of the giants that our world places before us today?
5. At the other end of his life, Caleb’s wholehearted devotion to God is characterized by his “I’ll wait for it!” attitude, as he waits to receive the land Moses had promised to him 45 years earlier. How is this “I’ll wait for it” attitude a sign of the strength of one’s faith? How is it a sign of Caleb wholeheartedly following God?