

Tough Old Men!

It was, perhaps, Caleb's finest hour, yet he was eighty-five years old! His voice was that of a ready warrior, yet it was an 85 year-old voice. He was as ready for war as he was at age forty, yet it is now forty-five years later!

Caleb and Joshua were the only two spies of the 12 (sent to spy out the promised land) who were faithful to God and faithful to the task. Caleb and Joshua are the only two names you remember because the others fell into shameful obscurity. The promised land is there for the taking, ripened by God, Himself. Ten spies falling to fear; two spies bonding in bravery. Faith versus fear... one of the prime battles of our brains.

Ten spies crawl in cowardice, but Caleb and Joshua beg for bravery. Surely this is Caleb's finest hour! Actually, no! That hour comes forty-five years later when Caleb rings out his own battle cry, "Give me this mountain!" (Joshua 14:12, KJV). Two old men and a dream. Two strong old men and a vision. **Two tough old men, and a promise from God! Determination in the face of danger, bravery in a time of battle... "Give me this mountain!"**

What might it take for **you** to grow stronger in grasping what God has offered? Regaining your youthful vigor? A dose of courage? A miracle!!!??? None of the above. It will take a life dedicated to God from now... on! "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life," (Revelation 2:10 NASB).

Be tough. When you can't do something, don't... but when you can, don't use age as an excuse prematurely! The same God that Caleb served is there for you also! God has mountains for you to climb and challenges for you to conquer. So adopt the Caleb call, "Give me this mountain!" If 85-year old Caleb can do it, so can you!

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