

## sermon study notes

## Give Me This Mountain: Taking Hold of the Promises by Faith

(Joshua 14:6-15)

The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. (Joshua 14:9)

How many Christians estimate difficulties in light of their own resources and thus attempt little and often fail in the little they attempt. All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them.

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<u>Introduction:</u> The conviction of faith kept Caleb strong and the courage of hope kept Caleb young; but the compromise of sin kept Israel vulnerable.

- 1. The Conviction of Faith (14:6 9)
- 2. The Courage of Hope (14:10 15)
- 3. The Compromise of Sin (13:12 13; 15:63; 16:10; 17:12 13; Judges 1:19 36)

<u>The Twelve Sons of Jacob</u>: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph and Benjamin. (Genesis 49:1 - 28)

Note: The tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim are the two sons of Joseph, but there are still just twelve tribes because Levi (the priestly tribe) received no inheritance (13:33; 21:1 - 3).

## Questions for Reflection:

Do you know some 'Calebs'? What is it that causes them to stand out? Are you becoming 'Caleb-like' in your faith? How can we encourage one another to press on to follow the Lord wholeheartedly?