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Introductory Thoughts

The Old Testament is a rich source of excellent lessons.

This evening, I want to share with you some lessons that I have learned from one of the Old Testament characters, yet one who is often overlooked. – Joshua 14:6-13 – Joshua 15:13-14.

Caleb requested a mountain.

The answers to these questions produce important lessons for us today.

The Man

Caleb was a recognized and respected leader – Numbers 13:1-3.

Caleb was a man of courage – Numbers 13:21 – Numbers 13:30 – Numbers 14:10.

A man dedicated to the cause – Numbers 13:3.

A man of faith and complete trust in God – Numbers 13:26-30 – Numbers 14:8-9.



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The Mountain

Caleb's request – Joshua 14:12.

I see two things in the mountains of Hebron.

A challenge to Caleb's faith - Here was a work that needed doing and an obstacle to be overcome and Caleb was up to the challenge!

An opportunity for God to demonstrate His faithfulness to keep His promises.



The Message

Believing that the story of Caleb is included by the Holy Spirit in the divine record for a purpose.

What are the lessons that God intended that we should learn from his life?

Of character.

Of courage – 2 Timothy 1:6-8 – 2 Timothy 1:12. Of dedication.

Of faith - Hebrews 11:6.



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The Message

We're going to face our own challenges.

A personal weakness.

A difficult task that needs doing.

Like Caleb, these mountains will be a challenge to your faith.

The question is, will our faith be up to these challenges?

Be faithful to God and claim His promises for yourself - Matthew 6:33 — Matthew 7:7-8.

Closing Remarks

Friends and brethren, with God you don't have to be afraid to face your mountains.

With "faith" and Him on your side you can face them with courage and confidence.

But you must follow Caleb's example and follow the Lord fully.

