

聖經人物 — 迦勒

參考于弟兄 4 月 7 日主日信息 “『這些人是誰?』(4) — 迦勒: 『另有一個心志, 專心跟隨神』” <http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130407-01.mp3>

主日信息大綱

經文: 書 14:: 7-15, 民 14:24, 32:12, 申 1:36, 書 14:8-9, 14, 民 13:30, 書 21:9-11

背誦經文: 8... 我專心跟從耶和華—我的 神。。9 當日摩西起誓說: 『你腳所踏之地定要歸你和你的子孫永遠為業, 因為你專心跟從耶和華—我的 神。』(書 14:: 8b-9)

A) 另有一個心志, 專心跟隨神的迦勒

- 「惟獨我的僕人迦勒, 因他另有一個心志, 專一跟從我…」(民 14:24, 民 32:12, 申 1:36, 書 14:8-9, 14)
- 迦勒在摩西面前安撫百姓, 說: 「我們立刻上去得那地吧! 我們足能得勝。」(民 13:30)

B) 一生嚮往希伯崙的迦勒

- 12 求你將耶和華那日應許我的這山地給我; 那裏有亞納族人, 並寬大堅固的城…13 於是約書亞為耶孚尼的兒子迦勒祝福, 將希伯崙給他為業。14 所以希伯崙作了基尼洗族耶孚尼的兒子迦勒的產業, 直到今日, 因為他專心跟從耶和華—以色列的 神…於是國中太平, 沒有爭戰了。(書 14:12-15)
- 以色列人照摩西所說的, 將希伯崙給了迦勒; 迦勒就從那裏趕出亞納族的三個族長。(士 1:20)。

C) 充滿更新能力與心志的迦勒

- 「10 自從耶和華對摩西說這話的時候, 耶和華照他所應許的使我存活這四十五年; 其間以色列人在曠野行走。看哪, 現今我八十五歲了, 11 我還是強壯, 像摩西打發我去的那天一樣; 無論是爭戰, 是出入, 我的力量那時如何, 現在還是如何。」(書 14:10-11)

D) 全然心為神家的迦勒

- 38 年陪著受神管教的百姓在曠野漂泊 (書 14:10)
- 進了迦南, 先花了七年工夫南征北討, 幫助各支派承受產業
- 連嫁女兒都不忘了為神家求好處
迦勒說: 「誰能攻打基列·西弗將城奪取, 我就把我女兒押撒給他為妻。」(書 15:16, 士 1:12)
- 毫無怨言交出自已的最愛—『希伯崙』

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9-10 從猶大支派、西緬支派的地業中，將以下所記的城給了利未支派哥轄宗族亞倫的子孫；因為給他們拈出頭一鬮， 11 將猶大山地的基列·亞巴和四圍的郊野給了他們…（基列·亞巴就是希伯崙）。（書 21:9-11）

4 月 12 日週五小組查經大綱

1. 請 3-4 位組員們花 5-10 分鐘的時間用故事接龍的方式簡短扼要地複述迦勒一生中發生的一些重要事件（窺探迦南地，曠野飄流，及進入迦南）。
2. 在上述每個重要的階段中，迦勒相應所面對的挑戰是什麼？他又是如何勝過這些的挑戰，並為以色列百姓帶來祝福？
3. 在我們目前與主的關係上，我們是否能夠說我們是在“專一跟從 神”？如果不是，那麼是什麼原因造成的？在今後的日子裡，您盼望採取什麼樣的改進來幫助自己更完全地來跟從祂？同樣地，在過去的經歷裡，您是否有過因為您專一的跟從 神而讓你（1）勝過眼見的難處，或（2）更在乎與主的關係，或（3）讓你經歷自己生命的更新，或（4）更關心神家的需要？如果有，請與大家分享您的經歷。

[聖經知識小問答]:

1. 迦勒是以色列中哪一個支派的？

Bible Figures — Caleb

Please refer to Brother Yu's Sunday message on 04/07: "Who Are These People?" (4)
— Caleb: A Different Spirit and Followed the Lord Wholly
(<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130407-01.mp3>)

Sunday Message Outline

Scriptures: Josh14:7-15, 21:9-11; Num 14:24, 32:12; Deut 1:36; Num 13:30

Memorization Scripture: "...I wholly followed the Lord my God. So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.'" (Josh 14:8b-9)

A. Caleb who has a different Spirit and followed the Lord fully

- "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully..." (Num 14:24, 32:12; Deut 1:36; Josh 14:8-9,14)
- "Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." (Num 13:30)

B. Caleb who longed for Hebron all the days of his life

- "Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. ... And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. ... then the land had rest from war." (Josh 14:12-15)
- "And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak." (Judges 1:20)

C. Caleb is filled with renewed strength and spirit

- "And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in." (Josh 14:10-11)

D. Caleb's heart was wholly on God's house

- For 38 years Caleb accompanied the people of God as they were disciplined through their days of wandering in the wilderness (Josh 14:10)
- After entering Canaan, Caleb spent 7 years going north to south helping the other tribes to inherit their possessions
- Caleb did not neglect to seek the greatest gain for God's house even when betrothing his daughters

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And Caleb said, "He who attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give Achsah my daughter as wife." (Josh 15:16, Judges 1:12)

- Not a word of complaint, Caleb gave his most beloved - Hebron
"So they gave from the tribe of the children of Judah and from the tribe of the children of Simeon these cities which are designated by name, which were for the children of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for the lot was theirs first. And they gave them Kirjath Arba (Arba was the father of Anak), which is Hebron, in the mountains of Judah, with the common-land surrounding it."(Josh 21:9-11)

April 12 Friday Small Group Meeting Outline

1. Please ask 3-4 two group members to spend 5-10 minutes to briefly tell the important events in different stages of Caleb' life (exploring the land of Canaan, wandering in the wildness; entering into the land of Canaan);
2. On each of the above stages, what were the challenges faced by Caleb? How did Caleb overcome these challenges and consequently become a blessing to Israelites?
3. Is there anything stopping us from following the Lord wholly? If yes, what are they? How do you want to improve your relationship with God in the future? What experiences have you had that due to your following the Lord wholly, you have (1) overcome the visible difficulties; or (2) cared more about the relationship with the Lord; or (3) been filled with renewed spirit and strength; or (4) cared more about God's house?

[Bible knowledge quiz]:

1. Which tribe did Caleb belong to?