



Guess Who? Who are you - Caleb
Sermon Discussion Questions – July 23, 2023

Scripture Passages:

Numbers 13:28 NLT But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!

Numbers 13:30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

Isaiah 26:3–4 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

Numbers 13:33 NLT We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”

Joshua 2:8-10 Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. “I know the Lord has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea...”

Numbers 14:7-9 NLT They said to all the people of Israel, “The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!”

Joshua 14: 7,8 NLT I was forty years old when Moses, the servant of the Lord, sent me from Kadesh-barnea to explore the land of Canaan. I returned and gave an honest report, ⁸ but my brothers who went with me frightened the people from entering the Promised Land. For my part, I wholeheartedly followed the Lord my God.

Joshua 14:10-12 “Now, as you can see, the Lord has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise—even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then. So give me the hill country that the Lord promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if the Lord is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the Lord said.”

2 Chronicles 16:9a NLT The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

Warm Up:

In his message, Pastor Scott talks about how the Israelites had to wait before entering into the promised land, the land flowing with milk and honey. What was something that you had to wait for? What was waiting for that like?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Scott introduced us to this week to Caleb. He described Caleb like this:
 - He had a moral resolve that would bring him peace in the midst of troubled times
 - He had a boldness about him that would protect him from the lies of the enemy, in other words...he didn't listen to the world
 - He was empowered by his faith to fulfill all that God had promised for him

What can we learn about Caleb from these descriptions? Can you see yourself in any of these descriptions?

2. Excerpt from Pastor Scott's message:
...something always seems to be standing in the way...And that brings us to the heart of today's message...what is standing in your way? Chances are there is something standing between you and all that God has for you. For some, it could be what you feel like is an impossible situation Broken relationship... Broken belief system... you feel like God let you down... Control issue...I like God, just don't know if I want him to be in control... Whatever the reason, I hope today you will begin to trust God through it all just as we see Caleb do.

What do/can you do when something is standing in the way of the things that God has for you? What can you do to begin to trust God like Caleb did? What stands in your way?

3. Pastor Scott referenced last week's message and the plumb line and asked what it looks like to align your life with God's way. The first thing we learned is that trusting God brings peace even in the midst of trouble.

Do you believe you can feel peace even in the midst of trouble? What does that look like?

4. Pastor Scott told us that we experience peace by keeping our mind stayed on the Lord. How can you keep your mind stayed on the Lord? How can you continue to keep him at the forefront of your mind?
5. The second thing we learn about aligning our lives with God is that trusting God shuts out the enemy. What does it mean to shut out the enemy? How can we shut out the enemy when he tries to get to us?
6. Read Numbers 14:7-9. What can we learn about God through these verses? What can we learn about his promises?
7. The last thing we learn about aligning our lives with God is that trusting God empowers you to fulfill all that God has for you. What does it mean for God to empower you? How does one have that kind of faith?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended his message by saying this:

When you look at scripture as a whole, the story of the Bible over and over again, we see God would grow people in a particular way. He grows people by revealing himself to them and then giving them an opportunity to respond. We see this with Abraham, Moses, now Caleb, and down throughout generations to this very day God reveals himself, and the people respond. We grow into the person God would have us to become by responding to his revelations in our life. However, often times there is something that sits between us and all that God has promised. For each of us there will be a time when God will reveal himself to you. We will be invited to respond what is sitting between where you are and where you are called to go? The question is how will you respond?

Has God revealed Himself to you before? What was that like? If you have not felt God reveal himself to you before, how do you think you would respond?