

Give Me This Mountain
Joshua 14:6-15

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Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. I *was* forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but 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.' 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. 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. It may be that the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said." 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. And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba was* the greatest man among the Anakim).

Caleb had . . .

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So, dear friends, if we would have lives on which to look back; lives in which early freshness will last beyond the "morning dew;" lives in which there shall come, day by day and moment by moment, abundant foretaste to stay our hunger until we sit at Christ's Table, we must "FOLLOW THE LORD ALWAYS."

With no half-hearted surrender, nor partial devotion, but give ourselves to Him utterly, to be guided & sent where He will. And then, like Caleb, we shall be able to say, with a "perhaps," not of doubt, but of wonder, that it should be so, to us unworthy, "It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out." In all these things "we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us."