



## Today's Message: "A Lifetime of Faithfulness"

<sup>6</sup>Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. <sup>7</sup>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 him word again as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup>But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. <sup>9</sup>And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' <sup>10</sup>And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup>I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. <sup>12</sup>So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said."

<sup>13</sup>Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. <sup>14</sup>Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>15</sup>Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

- I. A Past **EVENT** Remembered.
  - A. An **HONEST** Spy
  - B. A **FEARFUL** People
- II. A Past **PROMISE** Revisited
  - A. A **WHOLEHEARTED** follower
  - B. Moses under **OATH**

### III. The PRESENT Reality

- A. The Lord has KEPT me ALIVE
- B. Still strong at 85

### IV. An INHERITANCE Granted and a CHALLENGE Presented

- A. Give me that HILL COUNTRY
- B. Facing the GIANTS, with GOD'S help

### V. Why does it matter?

- A. God is still FAITHFUL
- B. God has given us an INHERITANCE
- C. God is bigger than the GIANTS we face
- D. We are God's INHERITANCE.

<sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give<sup>£</sup> this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup>the land of the Kenites, the *Kenizzites*, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup>the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”  
Genesis 15:18-21

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.  
Romans 5:6-11