

FAITH for THIS MOUNTAIN

Text: Matthew 17:20 (NKJV) *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if **you** have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

Introduction: Today, we are going to Move This Mountain! I am dividing the sanctuary in two groups, my message is to speak to two tribes:

The tribe of Caleb 55+!

- Israel was promised by God through Moses that all of the Land of Canaan was for their inheritance. Exodus 3:8, Exodus 6:4-8, Deuteronomy 34:4
- Joshua was charged to cause the Israelites to possess the land. Joshua 1

Stand Up! – The tribe of Caleb has been fighting for 40+ years they have an arsenal of battles won!

Stand Up! - Tribe of Joshua - face the future with God's promises and faith in your heart for the victory!

The Truth:

1. You all are God's Children

1 John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

Romans 10:17 (NKJV) *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Galatians 5:6 *For in Jesus Christ...faith which worketh by love.*

2. Faith is a fact and faith is an act – James 2:17

3. Greater is He that is in you! – 1 John 4:4

We face this challenge head on!

1. The Paralysis of the Past - Caleb 55+

2. Fear of the Future – Joshua-Under 55

1. The answer to Paralysis of the Past - Caleb

To the Tribe of Caleb: You have been fighting for 40+ years. You have the scars. You have the wisdom. But somewhere between the last battle and this morning, the enemy whispered, "Sit down. You've done your part. The best years are behind you."

You have the inheritance, **but you haven't possessed it.** You have the promise of Hebron, **but the giants are still in the hills.** The faith that parted the Red Sea is still in your chest!

That Faith just needs to be reignited! Today we are Igniting the Fire!

- **Lay aside every weight! Don't faint in your mind!**

Hebrews 12:1 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*

2. The answer to Fear of the Future – Joshua under 55

Grow your faith! Run to the Battle with the Word of God in your mouth!

You are standing at the Jordan. You are young, you are strong, but you have been intimidated. You look at the walls of Jericho and they look too high. You look at the economy, the culture, the pressure and the enemy want you to feel like grasshoppers in your own eyes. You have the courage, but you may not have the memory of His faithfulness yet. See the faith of the Calebs! Now grow your faith strong enough to move mountains!

Philippians 4:3 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*

2 Timothy 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

The Words' Charge for ACTION!

In Joshua 14, Caleb walked into a war tent. He was 85 years old. His hair was white. His knees had run to the battle for 45 years. But his mouth said this: **"As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. Now therefore give me this mountain!"**

Caleb said in Joshua 14:7 *"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. ⁸ Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but **I wholly followed the Lord my God.** ⁹ 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.'*¹⁰ 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.¹¹ *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.*¹² *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.'*¹³ *And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance.*¹⁴ *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.*¹⁵ *And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim). Then the land had rest from war.*

Altar Call: It is time to fight.

I want the Tribe of Caleb to stand to your feet. You are 55 and above. God is saying, *"I am the God of Caleb. I still renew your youth like the eagle!"*

I want the Tribe of Joshua to stand to your feet. You are under 55. God is saying, *"I am looking for the Joshuas. I am looking for the Davids. I am looking for the Esthers. Don't tell me you are too young."* God said *"I will put my word in your mouth!"*

The Charge:

Older Saints, turn and face the Younger Saints.

Younger Saints, turn and face the Older Saints.

Do you see them?

Devil, look at this!

These are the veterans of the Cross and the recruits of Grace!

Today, we fight together!

The Calebs will lend their faith.

The Joshuas will lend their faith.

And we will possess the land!

The Invitation:

The altars are open.

If you need the fire back, young or old you come.

If you need to move that mountain you come.

If you are ready to fight you come NOW!

The Prayer:

I break the spirit of weariness off the Tribe of Caleb in Jesus' Name!

I break the spirit of intimidation off the Tribe of Joshua in Jesus' Name!

We receive the faith for the fight!

We take back our health!

We take back our families!

We take back our joy in Jesus' Name!

Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes and Sacrifices: Increase your faith!

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*² ***For by it the elders obtained a good report.***³ *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*⁴ ***By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.***

Genesis 4:3 *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.*

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Proverbs 3:9 ***Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:***¹⁰ *So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*