

STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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FOR CHILDREN:

At what age do you consider someone to be old? Do you think someone can be as strong at age 40 than they were at age 20? What about at age 80? Read Joshua 14:7-12. When Caleb was 40 God promised him a portion of land. But Caleb had to wait for God's timing - 45 years later! Caleb was now 85! But Caleb says that He is just as ready to follow God now as he was at 40. Not only that, but Caleb says he is just as strong! That's because he believed that God would give him the strength to see the promise fulfilled. Now, as we grow older we won't always be physically as strong as when we were younger. But, if we continue to grow closer to Christ as we grow older, we will find ourselves spiritually just as strong, if not stronger!

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

In Christ I'm as Strong Today
as the Day He Sent Me!

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"Now then, give me this hill country
about which the Lord spoke on that day,..."

JOSHUA 14:12

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Joshua 14:1-5. The land of Canaan was divided between the tribes through the casting of lots. Lots would probably have consisted of small bits of wood, pottery, or stone, perhaps marked in some way. God determined how the pieces fell, thereby communicating a decision to His people (see *Proverbs 16:33*). Connected to this would have been the Urim & Thummim carried by the High Priest (*Exodus 28:30*). We might wonder, "Wouldn't it be easier if God just told us what to do in any given decision today? Why can't we just pull a decision out of a hat?" Yet in scripture lot casting fades away with the time of priests and prophets. It's last use recorded in the selection of Matthias to replace Judas (*Acts 1:26*). Afterward, and today, both large and small decisions were made through the combination of scripture, prayer, and God-given common sense. Prayerfully consider the following passages this week, and trust that God's Word and Holy Spirit's renewing of your mind will faithfully guide you in every decision in life! **2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 13:20-21**

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Joshua 17:14-18. Here is recorded the opposite mindset of Caleb. Caleb trusted fully in the Lord's promise and understood his responsibility in seeing that promise fulfilled. Caleb put the Lord's power to work in clearing the land allotted to him of the enemy and claiming it for God. The sons of Joseph on the other hand saw the enemy in their land, but instead of going to work to clear them, they whined for more land in a different area. Joshua attempts to encourage them, casting the vision of power and victory - they already have all the blessing that is necessary (*Deut. 20:1*) - but we are left with the dissatisfying feeling of fear, defeat, and apathy. Follow Caleb's example: trust the Lord's promise that He is with you and has empowered you. Move forward with the mindset of victory! Defeat the enemy with God's Word, and claim your land by making disciples for Christ's Kingdom!

JUNE 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of Joshua.
- Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Joshua (available on the website).
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- Seek out a few individuals in your church family or sphere of influence and share with them a comforting promise from God's Word.