

Fire in the Belly

Session 16: The Passion for Adventure

Joshua 14: 6-12

Now the men of Judah approached 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 at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which you feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'

Now, then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am just as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard that the Anakites were there and that their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."

- I. Men are built for adventure
 - Adventure is a journey into the unknown
 - Adventure is a test of courage
 - Adventure is the risk of failure

II. Genuine adventure is a quest

- A quest for truth
- A quest for accomplishment
- A quest for blessing

Discussion Questions

1. If you could re-live one adventure from your boyhood – what would it be and why?
2. If money and time were not obstacles, what adventure would you consider taking on today and why?
3. What would you identify as the “hill country” of your life right now - -and why?