

CALEB FOLLOWED THE LORD FULLY

Numbers 13 & 14

THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH CALEB PROVED HIMSELF WORTHY OF GOD

- 12 men sent to spy out the land of Canaan (13:1-2)
- They spent 40 days in the land (13:21-25)
- The spies report back to Israel (13:27-29)
- Caleb reassures the people (13:30)
- The other spies insist they aren't able (13:31-33)
- The people refuse to enter the land (14:1-10)

CONSEQUENCES OF HEEDING THE EVIL REPORT

- God wanted to destroy them, Moses interceded (14:11-25)
- Israel condemned to 40 years of wandering in the wilderness (14:26-31)
- The 10 spies died by plague (14:36-37)
- Only Joshua and Caleb spared (14:30, 38)

CALEB'S FAITHFULNESS

“But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed me fully, I will bring him into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.”

(Numbers 14:24)

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Repeatedly said of Caleb (and Joshua)

◆ Numbers 32:11-12

◆ Deuteronomy 1:36

◆ Joshua 14:8-9, 14

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW THE LORD FULLY?

Follow the Lord all our days (Joshua 14:6-12)

Galatians 1:6, 3:1; Psalm 92:12-15

Follow the Lord with all our heart

Deut. 6:4-5; 10:12-14; Matthew 22:34-40; James 4:1-4

Follow the Lord despite the hazards

Caleb was willing to face the giants in the land
(Numbers 13:33); and the wrath of his brethren! (14:10)
(cf. Hebrews 13:5-6; Mt. 5:10-12)

¹⁰ So the LORD's anger was aroused on that day, and He swore an oath, saying, ¹¹ 'Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me, ¹² except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, **for they have wholly followed the LORD.**' ¹³ So the LORD's anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.

Numbers 32:10-13

