



Caleb: COMMITTED

Numbers 13-14

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Warming Up

1. What does so-called “commitment” often look like in our contemporary world? Give some everyday examples. How is the biblical notion of commitment quite different? What impact, if any, do current circumstances or potential outcomes have on genuine commitment?

Digging In

2. Recount as much of Caleb’s story as you know. Who was he? What did he do? How does Numbers 14:24 provide a good summary of his life?
3. *I am committed when I . . . trust God in the midst of impossible situations.*
 - What seemingly impossible situation did the Israelites face (Numbers 13:25-33)? How did God see it both similarly and differently (Deuteronomy 9:1-3)?
 - Terry shared three phrases from Numbers 14:9 that can help us face challenging situations without fear: “bread for us,” “their protection is removed,” and “the Lord is with us.” Discuss these truths. What do they mean? How do they enable you to deal with your difficulties at this time?
4. *I am committed when I . . . want others to experience all that God offers.*
 - Caleb recognized the rewards of the land and wanted his fellow Israelites to experience its unparalleled blessings (Number 14:7-8). What was the key requirement (14:9a)? How did the people respond (14:10a)? What amazes you about Caleb’s heart toward them?
 - How do God’s words in 14:11 describe our own problem apart from Christ? How does Ephesians 2:4-8 provide the solution? What blessings—both here/now and there/then—are ours in Christ?
5. *I am committed when I . . . stay strong in the face of my failures.*
 - What was Caleb’s reward for committing to follow God fully (Joshua 14:6-15)? How did Caleb and his fellow Israelites fail miserably (Judges 1:19b-36)? What was God’s response (2:1-3)? What were the consequences for the very next generation (2:10-15)? What are the implications for us?
 - Terry said, “When I am committed in my relationship with God, I am never content with my failure.” How are failure and forgiveness interconnected? In what way do you need a fresh start?

Breaking Out

6. To what degree is your heart and life committed to God, whatever the circumstance, whatever the outcome? Why do you say that? What is your obvious next step in this regard? Ask your small group members to pray for you in this way.