

→ The mindset of victory

1. God works most powerfully in times of weakness.
2. God turns every situation to our good.
3. No matter what circumstances we face, we are more than conquerors through Christ.

→ Learn from Joshua and Caleb

Num 13 : 27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ **But the people who live there are powerful**, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, **“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”**

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, **“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”** ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). **We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes**, and we looked the same to them.”

Num 14 : 6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ **If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the Lord.** And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”¹⁰ But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.

→ People of Israel and Joshua & Caleb

1. What did they see ?
 - People of Israel : The Giants in the promise land
Own power 【small, like grasshoppers】
 - Joshua and Caleb : The greatness of the promise land [a land flowing with milk and honey]
God’s power 【the giants in the promise land will be conquered by God】
2. What was their thoughts? Confession?
 - People of Israel : **We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.**
 - Joshua and Caleb : **“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”**
3. What was their decision ?
 - People of Israel : They grumbled against Moses, doubted God, and tried to return to Egypt.
They tried to stone Joshua and Caleb to death because their views went against their own.
 - Joshua and Caleb : They tore their clothes and appealed to the people of Israel with faith
“The Lord is with us. He will give us the Promised Land. Do not fear the enemies.”

→ God’s judgment

- Of the first generation of Israelites who left Egypt, the only adults over the age of 20 who survived were Joshua and Caleb.

→ When Joshua had grown old

Johua 13 : 1 When Joshua had grown old, the Lord said to him, “You are now very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over.² **“This is the land that remains:** all the regions of the Philistines and Geshurites,³ from the Shihor River on the east of Egypt to the territory of Ekron on the north, all of it counted as Canaanite though held by the five Philistine rulers in Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath and Ekron; the territory of the Avvites⁴ on the south; all the land of the Canaanites, from Arah of the Sidonians as far as Aphek and the border of the Amorites;⁵ the area of Byblos; and all Lebanon to the east, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath.⁶ “As for all the inhabitants of the mountain regions from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, that is, all the Sidonians, I myself will drive them out before the Israelites. **Be sure to allocate this land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have instructed you,⁷ and divide it as an inheritance among the nine tribes and half of the tribe of Manasseh.”**

1. Joshua led the people of Israel into the Promised Land.
2. God commanded the people of Israel to fight against the indigenous peoples and take possession of the land.
3. Joshua had grown old; he was around 90 years old at the time. However, his mission was not yet complete.

→ God’s word for old age Joshua

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2. I myself will drive them out before the Israelites.
3. **Be sure to allocate this land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have instructed you.”**

1. God has no limit for us. Our physical age does not matter to accomplish His mission
2. God is the one fought for our enemy and give us victory. We are His instruments,
3. God wants to fulfill His word to his people. The fulfillment comes through our obedience.

Application : Having a mindset of victory

- Lessons from Joshua and Caleb: They were the only two members of the first generation of Israelites permitted to enter the Promised Land.
- Joshua and Caleb continued to walk with a “victor’s mindset” and entered the Promised Land.
- God uses us to fulfill His promises and His work. We are called to be obedient to God.
- Our Response
 1. Let us recall the unfinished work [mission] God has given us. Just as the Lord specifically listed the unoccupied territories for Joshua, let us make a list of our own. [Unoccupied territories for the church: Hokkaido, Okinawa, Bible schools, etc.]
[Let us make a list of the unfulfilled prophecies given to you.]
 2. Let’s not let our age hold us back. Instead of thinking, “I’m too old to do this,” let’s not rely solely on our own strength. The Israelites looked at their own strength and their circumstances and fell into unbelief, so they were unable to receive the promise. Joshua continued to hold onto the conviction of victory, and even though he was over 90 years old, he was reassured once again that the Lord was with him and would fight for him. Let us continue to follow the Lord’s leading in obedience.
 3. Let us walk with the goal of leaving a legacy of faith. Dividing the Promised Land as an inheritance is not just about our own generation’s faith; it is about nurturing the next generation of the church—helping our children, grandchildren, and descendants to inherit that faith. [If our children are not serving the Lord, let us pray earnestly.
Let us pray, give, and serve to nurture the next generation.]
 4. Let us walk even more closely with the Lord. Instead of focusing on our own weaknesses, let us see the Lord’s power at work within them. Even in difficult circumstances, let us trust that the Lord will surely turn them to our good, and let us see our mission through to the end.