

# The Giant Killer

## (Numbers 14:24)

When we think of giant killers, David is usually the first that comes to mind (1 Samuel 17). But David is not the only giant killer in the Bible. There is another who was just as strong, courageous, resilient, and devoted to God as David. Caleb is another giant killer! In fact, he was an 85-year-old giant killer.

### I. Fast Facts about Caleb:

- A. He was one of the 12 spies.
  - 1. In Numbers 13, Israel found themselves on the brink of entering Canaan.
  - 2. Before going Moses sent 12 spies in to see what the land was like and give a report on the people who dwelt there (Numbers 13:1-20).
- B. He was one of two spies who came back with a good report.
  - 1. After being gone for 40 days, 10 of the spies came back with a bad report. While the land was prosperous, 10 of the spies said there was no way they could conquer the giants living there (Numbers 13:31-33). This is despite the promise that God made to lead them to victory.
  - 2. Joshua and Caleb told the people to have faith and do what God had commanded immediately! They trusted that God would keep promise (Numbers 13:30).
- C. He possessed a “different spirit.”
  - 1. Because of his faith and trust in God, Caleb would be only one of two (the other being Joshua) who lived to enter into Canaan (Numbers 14:30).
  - 2. Caleb was always faithful to God (Numbers 14:24).
- D. He was a 85 year old giant killer.
  - 1. Once Israel finally took possession of Canaan, Caleb brought to Joshua’s attention that God gave him a piece of land for himself (Joshua 14:6-12).
  - 2. Caleb wanted the hill country so he (at 85-years-old) could continue driving the giants out of the land.
- E. His father was a Kenizzite.
  - 1. The Kenizzites were of Edomite origin (Joshua 14:14; Genesis 36:9-11). Perhaps Caleb represented a Kenizzites clan that had joined the Israelites and had been incorporated into the tribe of Judah. If so, then that means that Caleb was technically an “outsider” when compared to the other Israelites.
  - 2. And yet, Caleb never let that fact hinder him in his service to God.

### II. Take Home Lessons:

- A. Popular sentiment does not determine right and wrong (John 17:17; Psalm 119:11). Caleb may have been in the minority, but he was right!
- B. Trust and obedience is absolutely necessary to be pleasing to God (Proverbs 3:5-6). This is why Caleb had a “different spirit” (Numbers 14:24).
- C. Never quit because you get older. Caleb continued in his service to God even at 85 (Joshua 14:10-11). What do seasoned saints have to offer?
  - 1. Wisdom
  - 2. Knowledge
  - 3. Godly example

**Conclusion:** Do you have a different spirit like Caleb?