

Today's Message: "Landmarks - Life Changing Faith"

Preface: The pervasive importance of faith in our spiritual journey.
(Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 8:10; 2 Corinthians 5:7)

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I. Do not be afraid – fear not!

- A. Fear can paralyze faith.
Matthew 8:26; Matthew 14:27-31; Luke 8:50; John 20:19
- B. Faith sees when fear blinds.
2 Kings 6:15-17

"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 wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still 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 then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." (Joshua 14:10-12, NIV)

II. Do ask boldly!

- A. "Give me this mountain."
Caleb did not budge from his first request 45 years previously!

Key Principle: Your ability to ask boldly is linked to the clarity of your vision!
- B. The North Way mountains.
- C. The cones

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(Hebrews 12:1-3, The Message)

III. Dare to trust others on your journey

- A. We cannot and will not take the mountain alone.
- B. My next mountain
- C. What is your mountain?

Application: The only way to 'please God'; the only way to 'grow in grace'; the only way to 'discover your spiritual destiny'.... is by faith.
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Describe a time you had to wait for something.
2. When was the last time you had to wait on God for an answer to prayer?
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4. Joshua 14:6-14 Describe what is happening in this scene in your own words. How is this moment connected to the events in Numbers 13-14? What do you learn about faith in this passage? What do you learn about God?
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