

COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR CALLING

“God determines the time set for each of us and the exact places where we should live.” Acts 17:26

“For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone.” Romans 14:7

Hebrews 12:15 “Look after each other so that none of you will miss out on the special favor of God.”

- God **DESIGN ME FOR A UNIQUE CALLING**
- Only **I CAN FULFILL MY GOD GIVEN CALLING**

“I beg you to lead a life worthy of your CALLING, for you have been CALLED by God!” Eph. 4:1 (NLT)

HOW DO I FOLLOW MY CALLING?

2 Generations as examples: Caleb & Timothy

1. **I MUST BELIEVE I CAN DO IT, EVEN IF I'M SCARED**

“They gave Moses this account: ‘We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does indeed flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. BUT the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live there... and the Hittites, the Jebusites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites all live there!’”

Numbers 13:27-29 (NIV)

“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!’” Num. 13:30 (NIV)

Caleb: “...the Lord will lead us into that land and will give us that fertile land. Don't turn against the Lord! Don't be afraid of the people in that land! We will chew them up. They have no protection, but the Lord is with us.” Num. 14:8-9 (NCV)

2. **I MUST BE WILLING TO REJECT NEGATIVE ADVICE**

“All the Israelites grumbled... and said ‘If only we had died in Egypt or in this desert! Why is the Lord taking us to a new country only to die in battle? ... Let's go back to Egypt where we've lived all our lives!’” Num. 14:2-4 (NLT)

“The whole community began to talk about stoning Joshua and Caleb!” Num. 14:10 (NLT)

3. **I MUST BELIEVE ITS NEVER TOO LATE**

Caleb said “I'm now eighty-five years old. I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out, and I'm just as ready to fight now as I was then. So give

me the mountain region the Lord promised me that day long ago. You know the giants live there and the cities are large with great walls.” Joshua 14:10-12a (NCV)

4. **I MUST DEVELOP THE GIFTS GOD GAVE ME**

“Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity... And do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you... Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.” 1 Tim. 4:12, 14-15 (TEV)

“...fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Tim. 1:6-7 (NIV)

5. **REFUSE TO BE DISTRACTED**

“Keep a close watch on yourself and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right, and God will save you and those who hear you.” 1 Tim. 4:16 (NIV)

“Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. So people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.” 1 Tim. 6:20-21 (NLT)

6. **GIVE GOD YOUR BEST**

“Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was this life that God called you...” 1 Tim. 6:12 (TEV)

THE LEGACY OF TIMOTHY & CALEB

TIMOTHY: “I have no one else like Timothy...” Phil. 2:20 (NLT)

CALEB: “Because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and he follows me wholeheartedly, I will give him the land he went to, and his generations following will inherit it.” Num. 14:24 (NIV)

2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Get Involved in your church life

“David served God's purpose in his generation, then he died.” Acts 13:3

Get involved in someone's life

“Faithful is He who CALLS you, and He ALSO will bring it to pass!” 1 Thes. 5:24 (NAS)

“Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him.” Deuteronomy 11:2 (TEV)