

## 4. Encouragement for the Future

- Can you recommend an encouraging book about someone's journey of faith?
- Read Joshua 14: 6-10
- What does Caleb want Joshua and the people to hear?
- How many years have passed since he first saw the promised land?

**Caleb kept faith with God's promise to provide land for his family all those years ago, when he was only 1 of 2 men to speak positively about the land he was sent to look at. During 45 years in the wilderness a whole unbelieving generation had died.**

- What qualities can you see in Caleb that enabled him to endure the intervening years in the wilderness?
- How did God reward his steadfast faith and obedience?
- What has sustained your faith over many years?
- How can you encourage others who may be facing challenges you have already dealt with?

**Caleb illustrated the truth that 'through faith & patience [we] inherit the promises' (Heb.6:12) of hope to the very end.**

- Have you ever thought about mentoring a younger Christian? Talk about what this might involve and how you can encourage others to keep going in their faith.
- Pray for those who may be facing difficulties as they grow older and near the end of their lives, that they may be sustained by their faith and able to share their hard won wisdom of life experience.



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Practical Suggestions for Encouraging Others:

Send cards

Show an interest

Share an encouraging testimony or book

Talk about how God has helped you

Share your experience & wisdom

Pray for those living in 'wilderness' situations

**Caleb is a "possibility thinker," one who sees himself walking into the future, not alone, but leaning on the strong arm of his God.**

