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## WINNING AT ANY AGE

Today we are going to look at “Winning at any age.” It doesn’t matter at what age or what stage of life we are in, for the Lord is with you and all things will turn victorious. We feel that age is a constraint. We feel that we have gone past that stage and it is not possible. It doesn’t matter whether you are old or young, for God will do greater things through you. People think that certain things can be done only at a certain age and not before or after.

Helen Keller became blind and deaf when she was 19 months old. But she completed her bachelor’s degree in a reputed university. Mark Zuckerberg found Facebook and is a billionaire today. Colonel Sanders started KFC only at the age of 65. Missy Franklin, who started her career in swimming at 13yrs, won 4 Olympic gold medals when she was just 18 years old.

No matter which stage or which age you are in, God says that you are never too young or never too old to accomplish things for the Lord. God will make you victorious, will do a miracle and make you stand as a witness.

Let's look into few examples about Age:

- Only at age 100, Abraham became a father.
- Sarah conceived when she was 90 yrs.
- Disciples of Jesus were all young.
- Timothy started his ministry when he was 14 yrs old.
- Zarephath widow's son was a small boy and Lazarus was a big man, but God raised both from the dead.

No matter at what age you are, God will bring the dead things back to life. Forty is an important phase in life according to the Bible; many speak about the mid-life crisis. In general, we speak more about Moses when we think about the age of 40. But today, we are going to focus on another person from the Bible.

Numbers 13:27 - 32 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.



**Twelve men went to spy the land of Canaan and they saw that the land of good but they came back with a bad report. Many people say that 2020 has been a bad year in history. The bad days, bad months and years in our life were the best days which God had used to mould us. This year 2020 is special in history for God had increased our faith level this year.**

**When everyone else was saying that we will not be able to possess the land, Caleb spoke and told them that we can go and possess that land immediately. When Caleb spoke this, he was 40 yrs old. Moving forward, in Joshua 14, Caleb is now 85 yrs old.**

**Joshua 14:6 - 9 Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, 8 but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. 9 So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'**

**Here, Caleb reminds Joshua what the Lord had promised to do in their lives. Remember the promises God had made in your life. Caleb says that he is now 85 yrs old but he still has the same strength and wanted the hill country to be given to him. We are all excited when we get a new job or newly wedded. We have the desire and delight when we start something but as years go by, we forget how we started.**



**The Jewish meaning for Caleb is “dog.” In Hebrew, it means “faithful and full of heart.” The ‘heart to do’ is important in our life. Let’s look into some key points from this passage.**

### **1. ALL THAT MATTERS IS YOUR SPIRIT AND NOT YOUR AGE**

**Whether you are small and big, your spirit only matters. In Numbers 14, God says only Caleb, who has a different spirit can enter the promised land and nobody else. What kind of a spirit do we have?**

**Do you have a spirit which encourages others?**

**Do you have a spirit which never lets go?**

**Are people around you and your family being encouraged seeing you? All that matters is not your age and your situation but your spirit. Your spirit should encourage and build people around you.**

**Acts 1:8 says that when you receive the spirit, you receive power and be a testimony. It does not mention any age, in particular, to be a testimony. Check your spirit. Caleb waited for more than Abraham to receive what God had promised.**

### **2. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN THE LORD IS WITH YOU**

**Joshua 14:10 - 12 “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! 11 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. 12 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.”**

**Caleb is talking about going out for battles at the age of 85. All the other soldiers who had been going with him and who were coming against him would have been young. Except for Joshua and Caleb, and their families, all the other people who were old, who started from Egypt were dead. But Caleb says “I still have the same strength to go out for battles and come in. If God is with us, we will be able to fight our battles and be victorious. We are worried and panic when we hear about the pandemic. Every day, Caleb also would have heard about people dying but he was not worried about what was happening around him. He only thought that if God had kept me alive today, He had purposed to do something through me. If the Lord is with you, nothing is impossible.**

### **3. DO NOT STOP ASKING FOR THE MOUNTAINS**

**In Joshua 14:12, Caleb is asking for the hill country to possess. We have settled for lower things in life and have stopped asking for mountains. Even our prayers are so low in confidence. Caleb asked for Hebron, which was on the mountain for it was one of the prime city and had a lot of importance. The giants were there and the city was on the mountain, yet he asks for that city. It’s never too late or never too early to ask for mountains in your life. Don’t settle for less.**

#### **4. THOUGH WHAT YOU SEE IS TRUE, TRUST WHAT YOU DON'T SEE**

Things that you see around you and what you hear is true and nothing has changed yet. But still, we need to trust what we have not seen. Believe in the unseen miracles and the blessings which the Lord has kept for you. You are a part of this miracle and you have your miracles in store.

#### **5. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PAST OR YOUR PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO CONTROL YOUR FUTURE**

Caleb saw that nothing had happened for the past 40 years. They were going around the wilderness again and again. We also might be in the wilderness right now but that doesn't matter at all. Caleb was not discouraged by his past and present; he still asked for Hebron. You might be going through a tough time and you are not able to overcome. But don't allow these situations to control your future, for the Lord has kept great things for you. Though you had a better past, your future will be even better.

**During these times, endurance is the key.**

**James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.**

**We receive the crown when we stand the test. Stand strong in your situations. Do not be worried and let your spirit be strong. Be prepared to help and lift people though it seems difficult for you. Stand strong like Caleb and possess the hill country. Ask for the mountains.**



**In 1986, in the Olympics that happened in New York City, 20,000 runners participated in the Marathon race. Till this day, nobody remembers who won that race. The person who came first was forgotten but everyone remembers the person who finished the race last. His name is Bob Wieland. Everyone else completed the race in half-a-day but he took 4 days, 2 hours and 47 minutes and 17 seconds to finish the race. He was a soldier in the army and had lost his legs 17 years before in a war. Everybody else ran with their legs but this man ran with his hands.**

**Like this man, you might have lost something very important in your life, but still, God will make us complete the race. He will do great things in our lives and will make you be remembered forever. The man who won that race was forgotten but this man is remembered still. His presence alone is very important in our lives and as long as He is with us, we can do the impossible.**

**We can do the impossible and win at any age (young or old) for He will make us win. Daniel and Esther were in their teens when they won. Ruth was twenty, all the disciples and apostles were under 20. Age does not matter; the stage does not matter. The Lord wants you to win. He will help you win what you have lost. Ask for the mountains. Amen!**