

TITLE: Caleb - Living the good life

TEXT: Joshua 14:7-14

PROPOSITION: More important than living long is living well.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Most of us want to live a long life and to live it well.
 - (1) Real issue is not living long – but living well. **John 10:10**
 - (2) Caleb is an example of both.
2. Avoid listening to the negative – **Joshua 14:8**
 - (1) 10 of the 12 spies – giants, “we can’t do it”, **Num. 13:31-33**
 - (2) I am sure this was discussed before they got home
3. Wholeheartedly follow the Lord – **Joshua 14:8**
 - (1) Saul “claimed” to have followed the Lord in all things, **I Sam. 15:13,20, 14.**
 - (2) Keep the commandments – Obey the Bible
 - (3) Young ruler – What lack I yet? **Matt. 19:20; Luke 17:10**
4. Keep faith in the promise of God – **Joshua 14:9**
 - (1) Abraham believed God – **Romans 4:20-21**
 - a. The disciples believed God – **John 6:69**
 - b. Mary and Martha believed – **John 11:25-27**
 - (2) Caleb remembered the promise made through Moses
 - (3) REMEMBER – promise was kept 45 years later
 - (4) Promises to us – 2 Pet. 1:3-4
 - a. I am with you always, Matt. 28:20
 - b. Eternal life, John 11:25-26
 - c. Take care of all your needs, Phil. 4:19
 - d. Answer your prayers, John 16:24,25.
 - e. Eternity with Christ, John 14:1-3
5. Know your reason for living – **Joshua 14:10 – God has kept me**
 - (1) Why are you still alive?
 - (2) Is there any purpose to your live?
 - (3) Do a mission statement for the rest of your life. Focus on your purpose.
6. Take on a challenge - some Giant – **Joshua 14:12**

- (1) In our life we encounter some giants – moral challenges
- (2) **Family** – Marriage, abuse, neglect
- (3) **Moral** – Abortion, Homosexuality, Pornography
- (4) **Personal** – What challenges are you facing?
- (5) Will you avoid, seek to befriend OR – face them head on?