



Disciple's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.



Choose ...

Joshua 24.14-15

"So honor the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped ...? Serve the LORD alone. But if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served ...? Or will it be the gods of the (people) in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

>>Be Humble

Then Moses and Aaron fell face down on the ground before the people of Israel. Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, tore their clothing. (14.5-6)

"The LORD is with us!" (I cannot go alone)

2 Ch 7.14 - If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.

>>Be obedient

If we obey the LORD, he will surely give us that land rich with milk and honey. So don't rebel. (14.8-9, CEV)

>>Be Courageous

Don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don't be afraid of them! (14.9)

But the whole community began to talk about stoning Joshua and Caleb. Then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared to all the Israelites from above the Tabernacle. (14.10)

>>Be Different

But my servant Caleb is different from the others. He has remained loyal to me, and I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will receive their full share of that land.

>>Be Careful

Then the ten scouts who had incited the rebellion against the LORD by spreading discouraging reports about the land were struck dead with a plague before the LORD. Of the twelve who had explored the land, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive. (14.36-38)



Intro/ Review

Let's Conquer the Land!

Wrong Q - What can we do to survive?

Right Q - What's the best way to make disciples of JC?

It's about mission!

What is the best way for us to be engaged in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ?

For the Sake of the Call ...

Exodus > Mission

Obstacles & Opportunities ...

+10 scouts saw obstacles

+Joshua/Caleb saw the opportunities (obstacles in light of God's power)

+How big is your God?

**Wanted:
Joshuas & Calebs
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Joshuas & Calebs

Joshua & Caleb's Speech

"The land we explored is a wonderful land! And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey, and he will give it to us! Do not rebel against the LORD, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don't be afraid of them!" (14.7-9)



The Response

Num 14.1-4

Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. Their voices rose in a great chorus of complaint against Moses and Aaron. "We wish we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they wailed. "Why is the LORD taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and little ones will be carried off as slaves! Let's get out of here and return to Egypt!" Then they plotted among themselves, "Let's choose a leader and go back to Egypt!"

Events

+Negative report given

+Plotting/Inciting rebellion

+Leaders speak

+People want to stone them

+God wants to wipe the people out

+Moses intercedes

+God says, "Okay, but ..."

Num 14.20-23

... "I will pardon them as you have requested. But as surely as I live, and as surely as the earth is filled with the LORD's glory, not one of these people will ever enter that land. They have seen my glorious presence and the miraculous signs I performed both in Egypt and in the wilderness, but again and again they tested me by refusing to listen. They will never even see the land I swore to give their ancestors. None of those who have treated me with contempt will enter it.