

Title: Life Is Not Boring - Joshua 15 1-19

Read:

¹⁻²Here are the inheritance allotments that the People of Israel received in the land of Canaan. Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the family clans made the allotments. Each inheritance was assigned by lot to the nine and a half tribes, just as God had commanded Moses. ³⁻⁴ Moses had given the two and a half tribes their inheritance east of the Jordan, but hadn't given an inheritance to the Levites, as he had to the others. Because the sons of Joseph had become two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim, they gave no allotment to the Levites; but they did give them cities to live in with pasture rights for their flocks and herds. ⁵ The People of Israel followed through exactly as God had commanded Moses. They apportioned the land. ⁶⁻¹² The people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite spoke: "You'll remember what God said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me back at Kadesh Barnea. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of God sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land. And I brought back an honest and accurate report. My companions who went with me discouraged the people, but I stuck to my guns, totally with God, my God. That was the day that Moses solemnly promised, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance, you and your children's, forever. Yes, you have lived totally for God.' Now look at me: God has kept me alive, as he promised. It is now forty-five years since God spoke this word to Moses, years in which Israel wandered in the wilderness. And here I am today, eighty-five years old! I'm as strong as I was the day Moses sent me out. I'm as strong as ever in battle, whether coming or going. So give me this hill country that God promised me. You yourself heard the report, that the Anakim were there with their great fortress cities. If God goes with me, I will drive them out, just as God said." ¹³⁻¹⁴ Joshua blessed him. He gave Hebron to Caleb son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. Hebron belongs to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite still today, because he gave himself totally to God, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ The name of Hebron used to be Kiriath Arba, named after Arba, the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

Think:

Caleb is eighty five years old. That's even old in my book; it must seem ancient for you. Not only that, he has been doing battle for God for forty five years. That's probably longer than you have been alive, by a lot. So you can forgive Caleb for being a little weary. I mean you know how it is after you have been doing something for a little while you do get a bit fed up of it. You lose your inspiration and drive. It's not as exciting as it was last year; basically you just get bored of it. But Caleb is on fire. He is up there shouting I'm ready for more, how did he manage that. How did he manage to live over half his life on fire, doing what he did, day in day out? Pretty simple really, Caleb had discovered what God had wanted him to do. Caleb had taken God within him; no actually Caleb had allowed God to take Caleb with God. What is it that God has put a fire in your belly about? What is it that you think about constantly? Is that what God wants' you to do? Go do and take God with you. Better still go do it and ask God to take you with him.

Pray:

Lord you are the best example of a leader in the entire world. Please Father lead me in what it is that you want me to do. Amen.

Action:

Whatever it is God would have you do, do it with passion, but do it today. Do something today that is a step towards you passion in life. Bye.