Part #8 GIANTS OF FAITH: CALEB AND JOSHUA

Scripture Song: Be strong and of good courage – Deut. 31:6

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Lessons of Faith from Joshua. Today's topic: GIANTS OF FAITH: CALEB AND JOSHUA.

1) Caleb the Kenizzite

a. Who was Caleb of the tribe of Judah and why was he called a Kenizzite? Numbers 13:6 (Joshua 14:6, Judges 1:16)
b. What was the report of ten spies from the children of Israel who were sent to assess the land of Canaan? Numbers 13:18-25, 26-29,32-33
c. How did the report of Caleb reveal unusual courage and faith? Numbers 13:30
d. Who confirmed the report of Caleb and what combined testimony did they give to the hostile crowd? Numbers 14:6-10
e. What other Bible characters gave courageous testimonies even though they faced hostile opposition? (Daniel, John the Baptist, Paul, etc.)
f. What request of Caleb forty years later demonstrated that he was still a man of courage and faith when he was 85 years old? Joshua 14:6-14 (see also Joshua 15:14)
g. What are your thoughts about the way Caleb identified a man of courage and faith to be the husband of his daughter? Joshua 5:16-17 (see also Judges 3:9)
h. What character qualities of Caleb are revealed in his interaction with his daughter? Joshua 15:18-19
i. How was Caleb affirmed by the LORD and by Joshua? Numbers 14:24, Joshua 14:14
j. What impresses you the most about Caleb?

2) Joshua, son of Nun

a. What was Joshua's original name? Why did Moses give him a new name? Numbers 13:1-3,8,16
b. Many years before the battle of Jericho, how had Joshua demonstrated his courage and faith in the LORD? Numbers 14:6-9
c. How had Joshua demonstrated his desire for an intimate relationship with the LORD? Exodus 33:11
d. What words of encouragement did the LORD give to Joshua when he began his ministry as Israel's leader? Joshua 1:1-9
e. What can we learn about Joshua from his request to rebuild Timnath Serah after all the land had been distributed to the twelve tribes? Joshua 19:49-50 (Timnath Serah was located near Shiloh)
f. Who else in the Bible impresses you as a humble servant leader? (Mark 10:42-45)
g. Why is humble servant leadership so rare today?
h. How can we become courageous and faithful men and women of God who serve with a humble spirit? (Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:1-2, etc.)