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A LIFE WELL LIVED

Caleb has become one of my new favorite individuals from the Bible. His life was well lived. His faith is impressive and it seems to have grown as he aged. He reminds me of William Wallace as he was portrayed in the movie *Brave Heart*. Wallace was never afraid of his enemies no matter how large the army was that he faced. While I don't believe Caleb had long flowing hair or spoke with a Scottish accent like Mel Gibson, I do believe Caleb was fearless because he knew God would provide the victory no matter what enemies Israel faced. Should we not display this same fearlessness and boldness in the workplace? We won't be killing our enemies, but we do fight an enemy (Satan) that kills, steals, and destroys.

Here is an analogy to consider. When you are on a cruise ship, it is all about you and your comfort. What if we went to work each day thinking that we were going on a warship? You are not thinking about yourself on a warship ... but rather you are thinking about your fellow soldier and friend. The Bible says we are at war with the devil. The stakes are high ... where people spend eternity is the outcome.

NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES

I recently flew into Colorado Springs and never tire of seeing the majestic Rocky Mountains. God is such an incredible creator because His handiwork is always changing depending on the time of day, season, and weather. These mountains always look different. As beautiful as they are, they are also very formidable and dangerous. As pilots, we are trained for losing an engine, but this situation becomes even more challenging in mountainous terrain. We have special procedures for each airport to help us navigate this challenging terrain so as to be able to fly around and eventually over the mountains. We all have our challenges at work whether it is a difficult co-worker, unrealistic deadlines, or missed promotion opportunities. Caleb never saw the obstacles in his life as mountains that couldn't be conquered but rather as

opportunities for God to show off and display His power. It was almost as if Caleb didn't even see the mountains in his life that everyone else saw because he lived so fearlessly. Thankfully, we worship the same God as Caleb worshipped, a God who promises His guidance to fly around and eventually over the mountains in our life. God gives us this guidance to navigate these challenges with His Holy Bible, Holy Spirit, and Christian mentors in our life.

SACRIFICE AND SERVICE

Caleb never lost his passion for the Lord and for following Him. In Joshua 14:6-14, Caleb approaches Joshua with a request for land, the same land God promised him when he faithfully spied out the land with Joshua forty-five years earlier. Now at the age of 85, Caleb is ready to cash in the promise. Caleb knew that God always honors his promises. The interesting thing is the land is not for Caleb to retire on and enjoy "the good life." The purpose of receiving the land is because Caleb wants to remove the enemies of Israel and God. Caleb's desire to go to war to remove these enemies was an act of sacrifice and service to the future generation of Israelites. He wanted his children and grandchildren to be safe and prosper in this new land. My prayer is that we have the same vigor and passion for serving God at age 85 or at 25. With God's strength, I believe each of us can live a life well lived if we trust God's guidance and promises by living fearlessly and sacrificially. SW

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Isaiah 41:10 NIV

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