

Claiming Your Promise
Joshua 14:7-9 NIV
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7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, 8 but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. 9 So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'

1. Position yourself for the promises.

2. You still have to claim what was promised.

10 "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! 11 I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. 12 Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. Joshua 14:10–12a NIV

You should grow into or resemble the person of promise.

Be grateful for the sustaining hand of God.

Take the first step.

3. Claiming God's promises often mean the right to contend for something.

12 Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." Joshua 14:12 NIV

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV

Discussion Questions

Has God given you a promise to hold onto?

Do you need to work on resembling the person who received the promise?

Are you willing to fight for the promises God has given?