

Joshua 14-15:19 • Caleb the Overcomer

Stage One: Caleb the Sufferer

- Caleb was redeemed by the blood of the Passover Lamb (a shadow of the cross), delivered from Egypt (a picture of the old life), and given an inheritance in the Promised Land (representing the promise to every believer).

Stage Two: Caleb the Defender

- Caleb had to make a stand of faith against the majority within God's people—those claiming to believe in Him,

Stage Three: Caleb the Wanderer

- Although his body was in the wilderness, Caleb's heart, mind and soul were in the Promised Land.

The Source of Caleb's Faith:

- Regardless of the circumstances, Caleb did not have to fear death.
- Caleb's attention was forward-focused on the promised inheritance to come.
- Caleb trusted that God would not fail him.

Stage Four: Caleb the Conqueror

- It is only on the basis of God's Word that we can claim our blessings.
- The person of true "strength" is actually the person with biblical faith.
- Unbelief looks at the giants; faith looks to God.

Overall

- We are to overcome the world. (1 Jn. 5:5)
- We are to overcome false doctrines. (1 Jn. 4:1-4)
- We are to overcome the wicked one. (1 Jn. 2:13-14)
- Christ has already overcome Satan (Lk. 11:21-22) and the world. (Jn. 16:33)
- The final message of the NT is to be an overcomer. (Rev. 21:7)