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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JARS OF CLAY



SESSION FIVE:

CALEB – THE MOUNTAIN CLIMBER

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Joshua 14:6-15

1. Caleb's _____ in His Younger Years

- God often fashions us for his use in _____

- Caleb was prepared to stand against the tide of _____

- Caleb was confident in the _____ of God

- Caleb was aware of the reality of God's _____

2. Caleb's _____ in His Middle Years

3. Caleb's _____ in His Later Years

- Caleb was aware of God's _____

- Caleb was assured of the fulfillment of God's _____

- Caleb's life moved not towards a _____,
but to a _____.

SESSION FIVE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?

Review your notes from this week's teaching. Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

If someone were to write an obituary or an epitaph on your life today, what would be said about your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Numbers 13:26-14:9

1. The Bible doesn't give us much information about Caleb's formative years. However, based on these verses, what does it tell us about the kind of person Caleb became? What influences do you think contributed to his development?
2. Why is it difficult to take a stand against popular opinion? Do you have an example of when you had to stand up for truth when it was not popular?

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

It has been said that the Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint.

1. Based on these verses and your experience, do you agree or disagree with that statement?
2. Do you know of anyone who got off to a great start in life, but in their middle years they lost it? What do you think were the reasons they did not remain consistent and faithful?
3. Caleb had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years even though it was the failure of the other spies and the disobedience of the people of Israel that caused the delay of entering the promised land. Do you think you would

have been tempted to give up during those 40 years if you were Caleb? Why or why not? What do you think sustained Caleb during those 40 years of waiting and wandering?

Read Revelation 2:1-7

1. It is possible to persevere as a believer through years of difficulty and hardship and yet grow cold in our love for God and others. According to these verses what are some of the causes of “forsaking our first love” for the Lord? What are the keys to rekindling that love?

Read Philippians 3:12-4:1

1. What are some keys that Paul gives in this passage for finishing strong in our walk with the Lord?
2. What do you think it means in practical terms to “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1)?
3. Share an example of someone in your life who finished well (or are finishing well)?

