



The Power of Hunger (Vol 1)

(The Power of Caleb's Hunger Part 3)

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Note: Caleb was Hungry at 85 years old

Joshua 14:10–12 (NIV)

“Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years... So here I am today, **eighty-five years old! 11** I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out... **12** Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day.”

I. Hunger Sees Opportunity Others Missed

- Caleb remembered God's promise when he was 85 years old.
- At 40 he was ready to fight; at 85 he still saw the mountain as his.
- **His age did not affect his hunger and passion to excel**

II. Hunger Outlasts Unexpected Delays

- Forty-five years had passed since he first spied the land (Numbers 13:30).
- Israel wandered because others lacked faith, but Caleb's hunger never died.
- **Key Verse: Numbers 14:24** — “But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land...”

III. Hunger Defies Age and Excuses

- Caleb didn't say, "I'm too old now." He said, "I'm still as strong today."
- Hunger is not only about physical ability — it's about vision and faith.
- Illustration: Some people retire from passion long before they retire from work.

Note: True hunger keeps planning, dreaming, and serving, no matter your age.

IV. Hunger Asks Boldly When Necessary

- "Now give me this hill country."
- Hunger doesn't wait to be handed something; it asks with faith.
- Caleb wasn't asking for an easy place but for the hardest territory (giants lived there).
- Application: Hunger drives bold prayers — not for comfort, but for challenge.

V. Hunger Impacts Generations

- Caleb's faith won Hebron not just for himself but for his descendants (Joshua 14:13–14).¹
- His hunger at 85 shaped his family's inheritance.
- Application: Your hunger today sets the stage for your children's tomorrow.

¹ Here's that passage in simple terms:

- Joshua prayed a blessing over Caleb and officially gave him Hebron as his inheritance.
- Caleb received it because he was fully committed to following God, not halfway, not sometimes — all the way.
- The city used to be called Kirjath Arba, named after Arba, the biggest and most famous of the giants (the Anakim). In other words, Caleb claimed land that used to belong to the strongest enemy.
- Once Caleb took that land, the fighting in the area stopped and the land had peace.



Closing Thought on Caleb

- Hunger is not limited by age, delayed by time, or weakened by giants.
- Caleb proves: if you stay hungry, you stay blessed.
- Question: At what age, or in what season of your life, have you let hunger fade?

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