

# Joshua 14:6-12

## 3 Insights About Faithfully Following God



# Background

- Book written by Joshua; leader of Israel after passing of Moses (1,300 – 1,400 BC)
- This section, nation entered Promised Land but still battles to fight; land to occupy
- Tribes assigned specific land area; this given by God; here Judah gathers for their inheritance
- During gathering, great servant Caleb shares testimony; shares about God's goodness and things he experienced by faithfully following God

# Following God Coincides With Challenges

- (vv.6-8c) Joshua records encounter with Caleb (“faithful, wholehearted, brave”)
- Caleb shares; 45 years prior, he part of leaders sent by Moses to get info on Promised Land
- 10 of spies, fearful and believed no way possible to conquer: 2 of spies (Joshua & Caleb) faithful and believed there no way they could fail, moved to enter
- People believed the 10; led to wandering

- Matt. 14:29-30, “So He (Jesus) said, ‘Come!’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’”

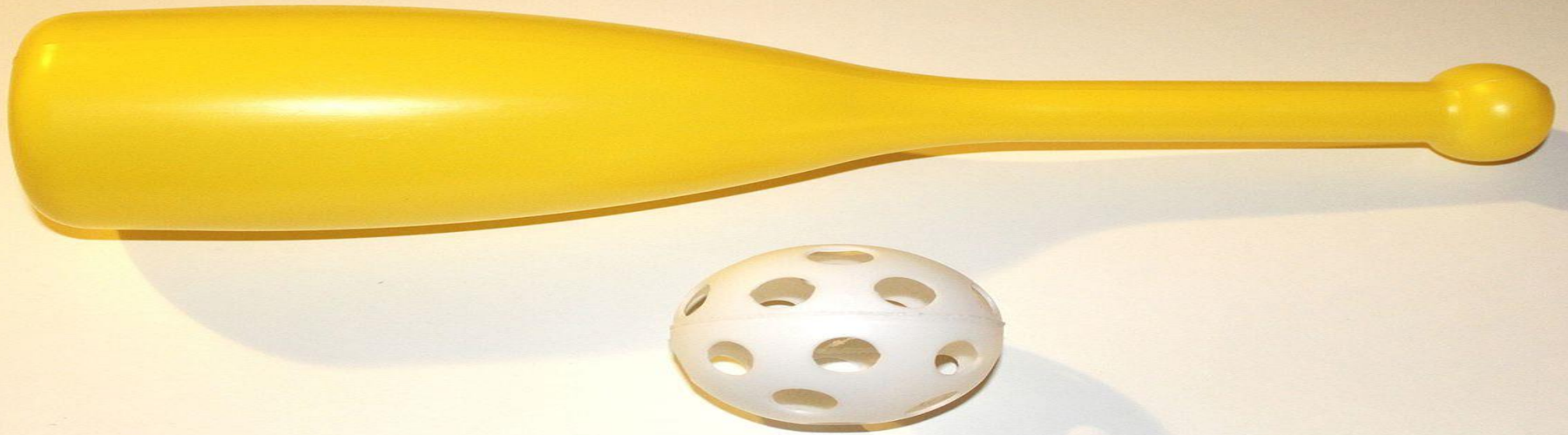


# Following God Comes With Choices

- (vv.8d-10) Caleb shared, due to God's greatness, he made decision to "wholly" follow the Lord
- (v.9) Promise about land made 45 years ago; Caleb believed and kept believing; he trusted when it seemed it didn't make sense to trust
- Could have given up, complained, gotten bitter and mean, depressed and miserable
- But, made choice to wait for promises of God to be fulfilled; knew he would see them come to pass and lived like it



- Hebs. 12:1-2, “...let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith,...”



# Following God Concludes With Victory

- (vv.11-12) Caleb praises God for His provision and care; he 85 years old and still strong
- God provided everything needed so Caleb see the promises fulfilled
- Sharing with new generation; God can be trusted and His word is true, follow Lord and you not be disappointed
- Following God and His ways ultimately end in victory and satisfaction

- I John 5:4-5, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

