

# HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

## LESSON 1: CALEB THE SPY

**Biblical Passages:** Numbers 14:20-38

But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

**Memory Verses:** Numbers 14:24

1. Weak faith will keep people from seeing God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 14:20-23).
2. Bold faith will be rewarded with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 14:24-25).
3. Weak faith can keep others from believing God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 14:26-37).
4. Bold faith will bring you into \_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 14:38).

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What contrasts do you see between Caleb's faith with the Israelites' faith?
- What role does Scripture play in building our faith in God's promises?
- How have you seen God reward those who demonstrated steadfast faith in Him?
- Does God always reward faith with material blessings? Why or why not?
- What are some ways you can demonstrate bold faith in God?

### THE STORY BEGINS...

God had freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Miraculously spared from the plagues and death in Egypt, miraculously crossing the Red Sea, miraculously being led to water in the desert, and receiving God's Word so they would know how to follow Him, the Israelites had finally reached the land God had promised to give them. Moses sent twelve spies into the Promised Land to scope it out. When they arrived back at the camp, ten of the spies despaired about God's ability to give them the land. Caleb and Joshua admitted there were challenges to overcome, and then tried to persuade the people that God was faithful and powerful and would certainly deliver the land to them. But the people were fearful and did not trust God. When the Israelites started picking up rocks to stone Joshua and Caleb, God firmly spoke to them.

1. Israel	2. Caleb and Joshua	3. The Spies
Read Numbers 14:20-38. Focus on verses 20-23.	Read Numbers 14:20-38. Focus on verses 24 and 38.	Read Numbers 14:20-38. Focus on verses 36-38.
What consequences did Israel face?	How did God reward Caleb and Joshua's faith?	What happened to the 10 spies?

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT . . .

"We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are."—*Anais Nin*