

SCCC – LED BY THE RIGHT SPIRIT

S – Scriptures

“Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

C - Consideration

Caleb had come to Joshua claiming a promise God had made to him when he went to spy Canaan. Only he and Joshua believed in the Lord to encourage Israel to conquer the Promised Land, while the other ten were skeptical, bringing fear in the heart of the people; therefore, God spoke these words, “not one will ever see the land that I swore to give their fathers. None of those who have treated Me with contempt will see it. But because My servant Caleb has a different spirit and has followed Me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he has entered, and his descendants will inherit it.” Caleb is after his reward, which was a hill and part of the city of Hebron. As a man of faith, he seemed to know what Joshua might be thinking concerning his age, so he pointed out, “I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.” The passage also implies that Caleb wanted to avoid any barrier from his own people, then, he spoke concerning the enemies in his hill, “You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.” (The Anakites were described in the Bible as a race of giants, descended from Anak.)

C – Commitment

Caleb is one of the greatest examples of faith in the Bible. God said about him: “He has a different spirit and has zealously followed me.” Of course, I would ask, which spirit did Caleb have? The answer is simple, the Holy Spirit. As Paul said to Timothy, “For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” He was a man full of the Spirit of God, therefore age didn’t steal his faith, and giants that he saw forty-five years before, while he was young and strong, didn’t rob his trust. And, above all, he never lost his love and trust in God, as he said: “the LORD helps me.” How many times do we act more like the cowardly Israelis than like Caleb? We say, “I am too old.” “I can’t get my hill anymore.” “The enemies are too strong for me.” All of a sudden, we are looking into the size of the problems and forgetting the size of our God. Then, instead of honoring and glorifying Him, we are complaining, murmuring and dishonouring our Lord. I have to speak and to act as Caleb did, “I am stronger than I was before” “I am a servant of the Creator of the universe.” “My God is omnipotent; therefore, my enemies can’t defeat me.” It is important to point out that he was not being greedy or full of self-ambition, but he knew that his last victory would glorify his Lord. Apparently, Caleb never forgot one thing: “Nothing is impossible for God.”

C – Call

Lord, I can’t deny the truth that many times I have a different spirit working in my mind, causing fear, murmuring, and skepticism. Forgive me for such sins. Help me, that I might follow the example of Caleb, carrying in my heart Your promises, not allowing those weak giants to still my faith. In Jesus’s name, I pray. Amen.