

The Testimony of a Warrior – 02 January 2005

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In Joshua 14th chapter you see the testimony of a warrior. And this is Caleb speaking, verse 8, this is what he tells Joshua, you know at that time when the people of Israel began to murmur and they lost heart and courage and sowed fear into the hearts of the whole camp, here was Caleb:

Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear: but I wholly followed the lord my god. And Moses swore on that day, saying, surely the land whereon your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the lord.

You see that my friends, what a blessing is promised when we follow the lord with our whole hearts. When all your companions when all your friends are saying no no no no, say a No go situation, we can't take the land we'll be soundly defeated because their giants there, their Anakins there, you know what Caleb asked for? The very mountain of the Anakins, give me this mountain. He didn't go out and ask Joshua give me some place where some Lilliputians live, there I can wipe them out with the wave of my hand and possess it; he said give me this mountain. Well, what was that mountain? Where the Anakins lived. It belonged to the father of the Anakins, Giants Anak. See my dear friends how the heart responds to a challenge when you become a disciple, when you follow the lord with all your heart. Instead of fear when everybody is trembling in their shoes and say and the whole camp was mourning in fact; No we can't go; and Caleb said we are well able to take the land let us go now. You see the NOW has gone out of Christian life. Come now let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow. The NOW has disappeared. Oh we'll procrastinate, we'll take our time, we will think of it by and by. What's all this? There are certain things that have to be done NOW. You know when I had my heart attack; two older sons were also there. One was a student and one was an engineer, John came immediately and prayed for me. Massive heart attack, first thing. And the other fellow got on the phone and asked for the ambulance, that had to be done NOW, right now, right then. If they had said oh we will think of it in the morning and my wife, when she heard my discomfort and she said what's happening, oh I'm alright I said but she didn't take me upon my

word, turn the light on and came over and found that my life was ebbing out. What had to be done? Whatever had to be done had to be done right then. We don't do things when we ought to be doing. The NOW has gone out of the gospels. So we've all become a bunch of procrastinators who will sit and dither. Oh my dear friends! Here is Caleb, he says I have wholly followed the lord when all the others said No, now I said no you are wrong, we can take the land. But now give me this mountain. Now he is asking for that mountain as a band of 85 years still having followed the lord and he says even now, 11th verse, yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Now therefore give me this mountain. My dear friends, do you ever pray like that? You know it was said of John Knox that he prayed "give me Scotland or I die". I don't know if anybody prays today give me souls, give me millions, here is a whole spectrum of need, people from the east, people from all parts of the world. You know a man wrote to me, a professor who follows my messages evidently, he said, over here it is all comfort giving preaching, I want to break out of this and preach. Truth has to be spoken. Scalpels, the surgeon's scalpels, if they don't cut they are worthless. When you go in for a surgery, you go in for a treatment under this scalpel.

Now my dear friends' acts chapter 12 and verse 8: what do we see here? Peter is put in prison, the design of Herod, the king, was clear. He meant to kill him like he killed James but look at the 8th verse: And the angel said unto him, gird yourself, and bind on your sandals. And so he did. And saith unto him, Cast your garment about you, and follow me:- this was happening in the inner prison as you can see. The angel of the lord was quite unmindful of all the prison arrangements and all the high security there, nor was he very gentle in waking up peter. Sometimes you know we want to be babied. Are we babies to be babied all the time? Does the fire man who comes with his bell or his siren or whatever with his clamor, you know as I was closing one of my meetings, the fire men broke in because the fire alarm had gone off, a false fire alarm and the fire men of course dint think anything about disturbing us, they marched right into the place and they were clambering up to the stairs they wanted to make sure that there wasn't a real fire. You know my dear friends, there is a sense of urgency, the angel smote him the bible says. Common, wake up old boy, this is no time to be sleeping. We like to be babied, we like to be patted and smothered with false kisses.

The wounds of a friend are better than the kisses of an enemy. My dear friends so what did the angel tell the peter, common now. Follow me, out of this prison. The lord calls us and when we follow him, my dear friends, many will follow after. Don't be discouraged. You know the tide is far out, one of the leading pastors wrote to me, the tide is far out. I don't believe it, as cold as a chunk of steel, Hard! But let me tell you, there are problems in the hearts, there are problems neighing the soul of the Britain and people have lost their faith that salvation will come to them through Jesus Christ. They identify Christ with the modern church which is a great mistake. And you can see people even telling you at the bus-stands as a woman said to me, what do you mean? Has Jesus let you down? You might hear a lot of people saying that. But who is the church? It's you and me that make the church. So we have let us ourselves down, sure, we have. We have let the truth down. We have lost our faith, we want Christianity without the cross and we have injured ourselves so greatly. But whom shall we follow? We shall follow Jesus.