



**Message Five – *Caleb*  
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As many of you are aware, I have a strong passion for the rising generation. Many times when I am preparing my Sunday messages, I have them in mind. Today is different. Today, I want to talk to the other generation – my generation and beyond.

Our hero today is Caleb. Let's look at three places in the Bible where the story of Caleb takes shape:

Numbers 13:26-30  
Numbers 14:20-25  
Numbers 32:10-12  
Joshua 14:6-14

**THE LIFE OF CALEB PROVES THAT AGING IS NOT A MATTER OF ARTERIES BUT RATHER ATTITUDE.**

Ecclesiastes describes some common "old attitudes."

*Ecclesiastes 12:5, They are afraid of heights...The grasshopper is a burden, and desire fails. (NKJV)*

Little things become a burden.

Challenges and risks are things to avoid.

There is no future desire hence looking to the past is easier than looking to the future.

Caleb was aged in years, but not in attitude.

Numbers 14:24, *Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly.* (NIV)

**FOR THE FOLLOWER OF GOD, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS RETIREMENT.**

Caleb spent his "retirement years" driving out giants.

Joshua 15:14, *Caleb drove out three Anakim from Hebron: Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi, all descendants of Anak.* (Msg)

Caleb peered into the future with eyes that sparkled with enthusiasm, optimism, hope, and faith.

Joshua 15:16-17, *Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kiriath Sepher and takes it, I'll give my daughter...to him as his wife." Othniel...took it; so Caleb gave him his daughter...as his wife.* (Msg)

When Paul said, "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith. I have finished the course," it was at the time of his death, not at a retirement party.

**WE STAY "YOUNG" WHEN WE FACE CHALLENGES IN ANY STAGE OF LIFE BY TRUSTING IN GOD'S POWER AND PROVISION.**

In all of the words of Caleb in Scripture, you find a common phrase occurring.

The phrase is, "The Lord has said."

Caleb was a man of conviction.

*Joshua 14:7, Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions. (NIV)*

A conviction is something in which we have no "wiggle room."

God will empower us to do his will, no matter what our age.

*Isaiah 40:30-31, He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)*