

Big Idea: No matter how old you get, God keeps calling you onward.

Do you feel old?

When was the first time you felt old?

How many years have you been walking with God?

If you live to be Caleb's age how many years do you have left?

1) Old Faith is cultivated from start to finish. (v. 6-9)

Discuss this statement: "Getting old is evitable. Getting godly is a choice."

2) Old Faith grows stronger with time. (v. 10-11)

Caleb understood he was not just alive by chance. He was kept alive by God's choice. Do you value every day as a gift of God? Have you ever wished God would just take you home?

Why did God keep Caleb alive? List at least three unique purposes for which you think God keeps you alive.

What season of life are you in? How have God's purposes and assignments changed at different seasons of your life?

Caleb declared, "my strength now is as my strength was then." In which of these areas are you as strong or stronger today as you were 20 years ago? 40 years ago? Why?

- Physically?
- Mentally?
- Emotionally?
- Spiritually?

Discuss this statement: "*When you get old, you either get sweeter or grumpier.*" Have you found this to be true of people you know? Which will you be? Why?

3) Old Faith is fueled by new vision. 12a

Caleb had a fresh vision for territory he had not yet conquered. He wanted more and he was willing to fight for it. Are you as desirous for more of the following areas as Caleb was for his promised land?

- Give me more holiness.
- Give me more love.
- Give me more influence.
- Give me more intimacy with God.
- Give me more ministry.

Read Titus 2:2-4. Are you duplicating yourself? Who are you investing in that is younger than you? If you aren't, why not?

4) Old Faith faces future challenges with courage. 12b

Are you afraid of getting old? What do you fear?

Have you ever expressed this attitude? Is it biblical?

“I have fought enough battles. It’s time for the young people to do the fighting. I’m sitting this one out.”

What has God promised that enables us to face aging with courage?

5) Old Faith leaves a lasting legacy. 13-14

Caleb fought the battles so the next generation wouldn’t have to. Will those who come after experience “rest” or “war”?

Caleb’s legacy was “he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel.”

What will be your legacy?

What would you like to be on your tombstone?

What do you imagine will be said about you at your funeral?

Additional Scripture

- Proverbs 16:31
- Psalm 71:9-10
- Psalm 90:10
- Ecclesiastes 12:1-7
- 1Timothy 5:1-2