

Series: Focusing on Your Family
Message: Faithful Seniors
Text: Joshua 14:6-15 (AM 6/4/17)

Caleb was at the twilight of his life at 85. The aged saint is an inspiration as he chose not to *retire* but *retooled* for ministry. Caleb's story reminds us that God has a wonderful plan for our lives *regardless of our age*. Today, *honor* our Senior Adults as we remember their eternal impact upon our lives and His Church. May Caleb's life *inspire* our Seasoned Adults to continue to serve while encouraging our congregation to *appreciate* and *imitate* the Senior Adults who faithfully serve among us.

1st A Faithful Senior's History (6-8) *"I wholly followed the Lord..." (8)*
Serving Seniors are pillars of the Church and Community

2nd A Faithful Senior's Home (9) *"Shall be your inheritance & your children's"*
Serving Seniors are patriarchs of their families

3rd A Faithful Senior's Heart (10-11) *"I am as strong this day..." (11)*
Serving Seniors pursue God's Kingdom

4th A Faithful Senior's Hunger (12) *"Now therefore, give me this mountain..."*
Serving Seniors are passionate about their Church

5th A Faithful Senior's Help (13) *"Joshua blessed him & gave Hebron..."*
Serving Seniors participate in the Church's ministry

6th A Faithful Senior's Heritage (14) *"Hebron...became (Caleb's) inheritance"*
Serving Seniors prosper in their pursuit of His Glory

7th A Faithful Senior's Hope (15) *"Then the land had rest from war..."*
Serving Seniors pray for the next generation to prosper

Application to life: Caleb's inspiring story reminds us that age should not be an excuse or hindrance for service in God's Kingdom. In fact, our Senior Adults have a wealth of knowledge, experience, and wisdom that our Church needs. Through Caleb's example, may our congregation be inspired and seniors encouraged to faithfully invest our lives in His Kingdom through the Church.

What ministry mountain will you ask the Lord to give you?