

## Spirit of obedience

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### Introduction

1. Numbers 14:24
2. Caleb had the spirit the spirit of obedience, he had a choice before him, he choose to serve God
3. We have the same choice before us today Joshua 24:15
4. We respond to the commands of God every time we hear a command of God either in a positive or negative way Matthew 27:37; Rom 5:8; John 3:16; Psalm 147:1
5. How do we react when we hear commands of God?
6. We are to be like Caleb of old who responded in a positive way immediately to the promises of God

### II Discussion

1. The spirit of obedience requires us to do God's will promptly Numbers 13-14
  1. Who are these men, Shaphat, Igal, Oshea, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbe, Geuel, Shammua?
  2. These are the ten spies who spied out the land and gave an evil report
  3. Caleb says let us go at once Numbers 13:30
  4. The other said no!
  5. Saul obeyed immediately Acts 9:17-18
  6. The jailer obeyed immediately Acts 16:33
2. When others will not obey we must obey Numbers 14:6-10; 40-45
  1. We cannot go along with the crowd Exodus 23:2
  2. If we did do what the crowd did it would be a religion based on others Matthew 10:37
  3. Joshua and Caleb pleaded with the people to do what was right and they were stoned
  4. What is our response when we are told that we are sin sick and wrong? Everybody else is doing it!
3. The spirit of obedience requires us to disregard comfort, convenience and personal preferences.
  1. Canaan was a land that flowed with milk and honey, but it had its problems Numbers 13:27-28, 33
  2. Their eyes were on their problems not on the blessings Ephesian 1:3; Matthew 6:33; John 14:-13
  3. Jesus told 12 men to go into all the world and they did it. Colossians 1:23
  4. What would we say to the Lord?
  5. They wanted rewards without sacrifice Matthew 16:24-26 Romans 12:1-2
4. The spirit of obedience does not permit us to reject the commands that we do not understand
  1. It did not seem reasonable for them to go into this land that was inhabited by giants Numbers 13:33
  2. God has always given commands that to men seem to be foolish
    1. Joshua 6 walking around a city to capture it
    2. 2 Kings 5 dipping in the Jordan river to be cleansed of a disease
    3. 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21, 25 the foolishness of preaching
5. The spirit of obedience demands more than the minimum
  1. To go the second mile Matthew 5:41
  2. Do we do enough to just get by?
  3. Do we say to the Lord how little do i have to do to be saved?
6. The spirit of obedience requires us to overcome obstacles or excuses.
  1. Caleb said we shall over come Numbers 13:30
  2. All excuses will be taken away Luke 9:57-62; 14:16-24

### III Conclusion

1. Are you ready to obey God?
2. Have the same spirit of obedience that Caleb and Joshua did
3. We will help you any way we can!