

Caleb

The voice of the minority is not often given a hearing. Nevertheless truth cannot be measured by numbers, on the contrary it often stands against majority opinion. Truth remains unchanged because it is guaranteed by the character of God. God is truth, what he says is the last word. At times a person must even stand alone on the side of truth. Caleb was not so much a man of great faith as a man of faith in a great God! His ~~boldness~~ boldness rested on his understanding of God, not on his confidence in Israel's abilities to conquer the land. He could not agree with the majority; for that would be to disagree with God. We on the other hand, often base our decisions on what everyone else is doing. Few of us are first order cowards like the ten spies in the bible, we are more like the people of Israel, getting our cowardice second hand. Our search for right and wrong usually starts with questions such as is what does God say? The ~~pr~~ principles we learn as we study the bible provide a dependable road map for life. They draw us into a personal relationship with the God whose ~~word~~ word is the Bible. The God who gave Caleb his boldness is the same God who offers us the gift of eternal life through his son, Jesus. That is truth worth believing!

Strengths and Accomplishments

- One of the spies sent by Moses to survey the land of Canaan
- One of the only two adults who left Egypt and entered the promised land
- Voiced the minority opinion in favor of conquering the land
- Expressed faith in God's promises in spite of apparent obstacles

Lessons from his life

Majority opinion is not an accurate measurement of right and wrong

Boldness based on God's ~~faithful~~ faithfulness is appropriate

For courage and faith to be effective, they must combine words and actions

What did Caleb and Esther have in common? The courage to change the situation. Both took a stand not knowing what the outcome was going to be. That is the same way we do people need to do in a situation that we don't see the outcome step out on faith. Currently in my own life I am taking action in different situations, do I know what the outcome will be absolutely not. But I had the courage to step out and put action to do the situation.