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Still Waters Family Camp: 2023, God's Desire to Be in Our Midst (33:7)

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With the pilgrims and strangers, particularly looking at two individuals who faced a time of difficulty. As relates to the time of the Tabernacle. I think it should be important for us, particularly for young people, because of the fact that who I'm going to read about. Are young men, but this would apply to young women as well. Let's turn 3 portions. Exodus 33 is the first one, Exodus 33. This is the story about the sin that the Israel had done and we find. They we find in verse. Seven of Exodus 33, verse seven. And Moses took the Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle, the congregation. It came to pass that everyone which sought the Lord went out unto the Tabernacle, the congregation watch, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out into the Tabernacle, that all the people rose up and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses until he was gone into the. And it came to pass, as Moses entered in the Tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended and stood at the door of the Tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillars stand at the Tabernacle door, And all the people rose up and worshiped every man in his tent door. And here's the verse, the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned to get into the camp, but his servant Joshua. The son of Nun. A young man departed, not out of the Tabernacle. Now this man, these young man Joshua is a unique because we see as a servant or he's a sitting with Moses. But it says here with all the sin that that had gone on the camp. He followed that Tabernacle out till is outside the camp. I think it's striking to see. In fact, I just want to get to the next portion here because it's going to flavor this a little better. Turn over to the first chapter of Deuteronomy. 1st chapter of deuteronomy to continue to see what this man is and introduced to his. Friend Deuteronomy, chapter one. Deuteronomy chapter one. I can read the whole thing but the. Where it says here. Of course this is Moses recounting this verse 20. And I said it to you, You are come up in the mountain of Amorites, which the Lord your God doth give unto us. Behold, the Lord thy God has set the land before they go up and possess it, as the Lord go out of. Thy Father has said of the fear not, neither be discouraged. And you came near unto me, every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they will search out the land, and bring us word again, by what way he must go up, and under what cities we will come. And the same plays me well. And I took 12 men of you, one of a tribe, and they turned and went up into the mountain and came into the valley of Eshkol and searched it out. And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land, which the Lord our God doth give us, notwithstanding. You would not go up the rebelled against the commander of the Lord your God, but ye murmur in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hate us, He hath brought us and forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us in the hand. The Amorites destroy us. Whether shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, The people is greater and taller than we, the cities are great and walled up to heaven, and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims. There. Then I said to you, Dreadnought neither be afraid of them. The Lord your God which goeth before you, He shall fight for you according to. He did with you in Egypt before your eyes. And then come down to verse 34. And the Lord heard the voice of your words. It was Roth and swear, saying, Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see the good land which I swear to give unto your father's, save Caleb the son of Jethuna. He shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon it to the children, because he hath holy followed the Lord. Also the Lord is anger with me for your sake, saying Thou shalt not go thither. Joshua, the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. Moreover, your little ones, which ye have said to be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither into them. I will give it, they will possess it. Well, this is the end of the 40 years, and they're faced with in, in Jehovah's saying very clearly here. Now it's time to go up.

Man has his ideas about things and he says oh. We need to send in some folks to spy it out. So he sends in 12, they send, they pick out twice 12 men to spy it out and sending them in, they send in. Two of them was Joshua and Caleb. I was just considering these two, Joshua and Caleb. Joshua, as we know, was near the Tabernacle, out in the wilderness, and other times he was wholly following Moses, wholly following the Lord were introduced to Caleb here, I believe. And now they have to turn around with their brethren and go back out in the wilderness for 40 years. He knew he was right. Joshua knew he was right. They're in the wrong to begin with because God clearly says back here in verse. 21 Go up and possess it. God does not say anything about sending in spies. God says go in and possess it. And they were part of an initiative, as we say, they were part of an initiative to go to put their feelers out. And I was enjoying in terms of the Tabernacle talk we had earlier when the camp moved. Jehovah God says you're going to move out in order in a specific order. And it says that I think you can pick this over Numbers 10. Moses says I need my father-in-law to go out ahead. You're the eyes of the wilderness. You go check it out. Check it out. Moses himself did not quite feel comfortable enough letting God lead the children of Israel out by that pillar. But he says I need to have you horeb, my father-in-law go out Hobe. You need to you need to go out and and, and scout it out. So Moses didn't quite have enough. But then think about Caleb and Joshua as they come back to this million strong and they say we can go up and they're faced with a million people. Plus. We can go up and what's it say right here and I thought this was interesting here that he's the God is wroth in verse 34 and then he's mentioning Caleb and verse 36 and and verse 38 he mentions Joshua, but it's interesting here. It says in verse 37 also Lord is angry with me for your sakes. God was angry with Moses too. You will not go in. I think it's interesting to see Joshua and Caleb. Bore with their brethren. And that can be a difficult thing. Even when you know you feel like you're in the right, you're going to take God for his counsel. God says go up in the land. They go up in the land and they go spy it out. Even though that was not part of God's plan that we can read in Scripture. They come back and say, yes, we can do it. And they obediently went out with their brethren, all million plus back out of the wilderness to grind it out for 40 years. That's a striking, striking thing to think about, Caleb and Joshua. Submitting themselves to their brethren. And what does it say there? I don't know. We didn't read it here. We see. We know the story well Where we see that? The certain party says up. Well, no, we can go up and they go up and they get killed, right? There's factions that splinter off. Oh, let's, let's get a cert. Let's get a leader and take us back to Egypt. Caleb and Joshua dutifully turn around and bear with their brethren as they go back in the wilderness. Now here and let's go take a look at Caleb. Now, I've enjoyed this portion here, so let's turn over to Joshua. Joshua chapter 15. So let's get a glimpse into Joshua's life. I'm sorry, Caleb's life. Joshua 15. And verse 13. And unto Caleb the son of Jefuna, he gave a part among the children of his Judah, according to the command of

the Lord Joshua, Even the city of Arba, the father of Anak, which city is Hebron. And Caleb drove fence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Anaheim, and Tommy the children of Anak. And he went up a fence to the inhabitants of Deber. And the name of Deber before was Kyrgyzstifer. And Caleb said he that smile the Kerja seifer, and taketh it to him. Will I give AXA my daughter to wife? And off Neil, the son of Kena is the brother of Caleb, took it, and he gave him AXA his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father afield. And she lied off her ***. And Caleb said to her, What? What is thou who answered? Give me a blessing, for thou hast given me a Southland. Give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs, or the lower springs.

So now we get a glimpse into Caleb. Caleb was faithful and turning around with the people with all million of the camp. And he turns around and he goes out there with his friend Joshua for 40 years and he comes back in and we see some telltale signs here. That's the what the is what the wilderness bore here as he comes back in. Now, remember he's going to be quite older than the rest of the company, right? Quite older because everybody else had died off. And so he's going to be quite older. But it says very clearly here. That. Verse 14 and Caleb drove fence the three sons of Anna mighty men. Somehow Caleb in all of his oldness, so to speak, went in and took the land for himself. He's going to take his portion now. Now that it was God's timing he bore with his brethren. He's now going to take the he's now dead and he does the work of driving those men off. But I've also enjoyed this. He impacted two of their lives out in the desert. He impacts. Verse 17 off Neil. Which was must have been a nephew. Somehow, Osteo got an appreciation of the land as well. Out in the desert. And so when Caleb says I'll give my daughter to wife, whoever can take such and such a land, right, it says he went out and did it. He too appreciated the land as well. But then we also have his own daughter and his own daughter. She comes up to Caleb and verse 18 and verse 19. Give me a blessing, give me more. And so it is that as Caleb and Joshua bore with a disobedient people. During that time of 40 years where they had to wander around, they were faithful to God. They wandered around. During that time. We can see that Caleb was faithful his own family. And set and gave the appreciation, transferred the appreciation down if you will. Or his children took the appreciation of the land and went full full bore when they finally get in the land. That's important. Because as we have had the Tabernacle before us. God would want to be in the midst of His people. So too, today we have. An assembly where collectively the Lord has desired to be in the midst. And the Lord would have us to. Bear with one another. But we can see at times there may be times when our brother and have a different bent on things. And they may be wrong. But Caleb and Joshua particularly bore with their brother and went back out in the wilderness. That during that time took us very special keen interest for 40 years of making sure that that glimpse of the promised land ahead of them that their children are particularly Caleb situation, particularly the they too would get an appreciation of it. And there are things that we can do, certainly as parents, to hinder that appreciation. There are things that we can confess to as parents that would hinder our children from getting appreciation of what God would lay before us. And so I've so been encouraged by Caleb particularly, and then in taking up with the Tabernacle, so encouraged by Joshua that says that when the Tabernacle was set outside the camp, where would you find Joshua? Apparently he was out there in the Tabernacle. And the faithful ones that we can hop, skip, and jump all the way down into early Matthew and early Luke. You can see the darkest of days. And the Lord Jesus was coming in as a little baby. You can see there those ones that were still waiting for the Messiah. And you and I are in a day right now. We are waiting for the Lord Jesus to come back. And in the mean time. We have to walk with the Lord faithfully and also bear with our brethren and also impact and make sure that the young ones coming along have an appreciation for what's coming, the blessings that are coming to us as we go down the pathway. And also the Lord is around the midst to be to be seeing the Lord here in a little bit.

There's Joshua and Caleb Dice so have enjoyed. Because apparent God and her Father, thank you for the reminders we've had this afternoon that you've provided us all things that pertain to life and godliness and that you've made provision Pilgrim pathway here. And we thank you too, for the example of these ones, Caleb and Joshua, who are faithful even and surrounded by unfaithfulness. And we thank you for this reminder. And we just asked for a blessing on the rest of our time here together. To follow. Thank you for your mercies to us this far and for providing things for us both for spiritual needs and for physical as well. So we just thank you for this. Let the rest of this afternoon into your hands or Jesus. Amen.

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