

We can't dream big without thinking long, we often want God to do things at the speed of light, but in God's kingdom, things happen at the speed of a seed planted in the ground that has to take root before it can bear fruit. This is about trusting His timing – and with the Lord, "A day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." (2 Peter 3:8). We need more patience and more persistence.... and that's a byproduct of time and experience.

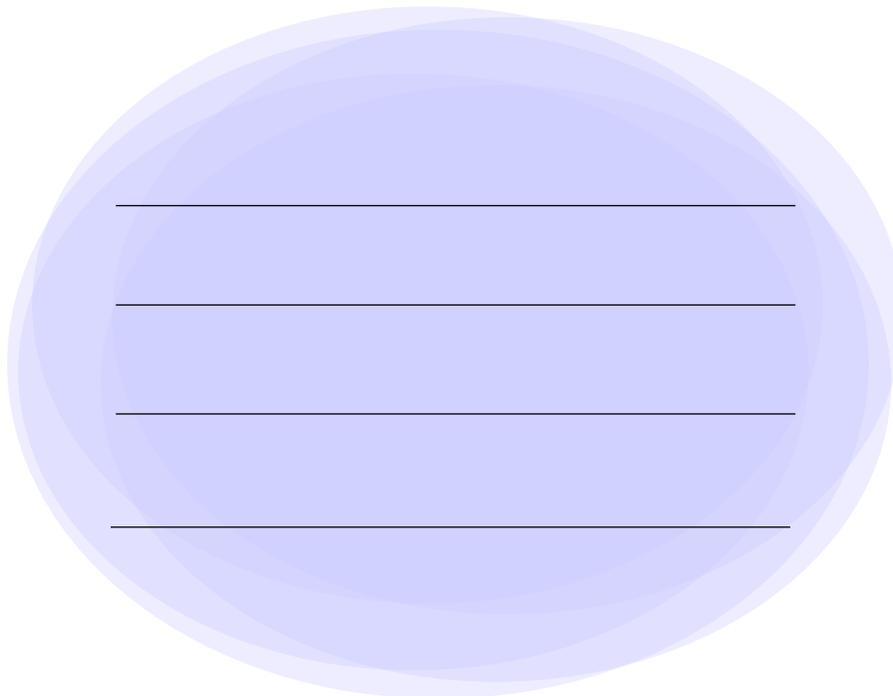
– MARK BATTERSON –

ALLOTMENT FOR CALEB

JOSHUA 14:6-12: Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'

"Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."

**Take some time to pray about this passage & write down your thoughts.
What stood out to you and what ways does it bring a new outlook for you?**



Four horizontal lines for writing, centered within a large, light blue, circular graphic.

As you are watch the video for Session 4, use the outline below to record any thoughts or reflections.

1. Dream Big, Pray Hard and Think Long:

2. Praying ALAT, *as long as it takes*:

3. Caleb was fighting a battle for future generations – as we are:

4. We don't plant seeds of faith for ourselves:

5. God remembers His promise to David six kings later:

If you are doing this study with others, maybe a friend or your family- take some time to discuss the video you just watched together and the scriptures you just heard.

1 Kings 18:41-46, And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain." So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the LORD came on Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

- 1. Read 1 Kings 18:41-46. Have you ever thought God said *no* to a prayer, but it turned out to be a *not yet*? What does this story tell you about praying for an answer ALAT – for as long as it takes.**

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

Luke 11:1-4: One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, **"When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, or we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'**"

- 2. In Luke 11:1-4, clearly the disciples had prayed before and knew how it was done. So why do you think they were making this request? What were they looking for Jesus to provide in asking Him to "teach" them to pray?**

- 3. Is there someone in your life who has left such a legacy of prayer? How have that person's prayers impacted by you?**

- 4. What God does for you is never just for you! It's also for the next generation. Have you ever reaped where someone else has sown? Have you ever been blessed in a way that you know you don't deserve?**

- 5. Your prayers will live on long after your time on this earth is over. What are you doing to leave a lasting legacy of prayer for others?**

As you finish up tonight's study, take a few moments on the questions below, for personal reflection.

1. What are some prayers that you've prayed for which you received a *no*, *yes* and *not yet* answer from God? Write these below.

NO: _____

YES: _____

NOT YET: _____

2. Think for a moment about the way you typically make requests to God. Do you tend to pray ASAP – as soon as possible – prayers? Or do you pray ALAT – as long as it takes – prayers? Rate yourself on a scale of 1 – 10.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| ASAP | | | | | ALAT | | | | |

3. Walter Wink said, "History belongs to the intercessors." Who are the intercessors who have shaped your life? How have they shaped your life?

4. Have you experienced "the sleeper effect"? Are there blessings that you believe trace back to someone else's prayers? Explain.

5. What are we doing that will make a difference a hundred years from now?

KEEP CIRCLING, DREAM BIG, PRAY HARD AND THINK LONG!

Luke 18:1-2: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought." We want God to part the river before we step into it so we don't have to get our feet wet, but God wants us to take a step of faith. And that's where most of us get stuck spiritually. We're waiting for God to make a move, while God is waiting for us to make a move.

Matthew 7:7-8: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Mark Batterson, "It's always too soon to give up! What other option do you have? To pray or not to pray. Those are the only options."

On a scale, with 1 being, *I give up praying quickly*, and 10 being, *I persist with patience & perseverance in prayer*, how would you rate your prayer life?

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| GIVE UP QUICKLY | | | | | PERSIST WITH PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE | | | | |

What can you do to move one number closer to ten? What's keeping you from doing it?

