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Jos.14,8: Caleb said to Joshua, *“My fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people sink. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.”*

Rev.3,11-12: *“Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God.”*

Fear went round the camp at the news and everyone caught it. Not, however, Caleb – not the man who *“followed the LORD his God wholeheartedly.”*

The fear to which, like a disease, the people yielded was born of an inability or similar to believe that God would keep his word to them and that God’s word would keep them. As a result, they failed to achieve what God had commanded and turned away towards the wastelands of the desert. Caleb’s answer to fear was to stay with the word of the LORD his God, even if it meant he stood alone and even as he would still share in the fate of the people. In doing so the word of the Lord kept him.

Faith conquers fear when it is grounded in God’s word.