



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well, and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.” (Matthew 5:38-42).*

A big sergeant from a Highland regiment, serving many years ago in Egypt, was asked the circumstances of his conversion. He told of a private in his company years before when he was serving in Malta. This private was frequently harassed by other soldiers for his religious faith. One night the private came into the barracks quite late. It was a very rainy night. Before getting into his bunk, he knelt, as was his custom, to pray. The sergeant picked up one of his boots, which was heavy with wet mud, threw it across the room and hit the private in the side of the head. The private said nothing. He wiped the mud from his face and crawled into bed. The next morning, however, when the sergeant woke up, he found his muddy boots cleaned and polished by his bedside. He said: “It broke my heart.”

One religious group has an advertisement on television which shows a rude driver of an off road vehicle who intentionally splashes mud all over a bicycle rider. Later down the road, his vehicle has broken down. The bicycle rider arrives on the scene, looks at him sternly for a moment, then smiles and tries to help him fix the problem.

Turning the other cheek is not easy. The first inclination is to strike back, or get even, or to seek revenge. The route Jesus urges upon us is the behavior which is more likely to influence the other person for good. It is not something which Jesus merely commands, because Jesus practiced this ethic all of His life, especially in His death. Let us all take His teaching and His example to heart on turning the other cheek and attempt to put it to practice in our lives.

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## CALEB WHOLLY FOLLOWED THE LORD

Caleb, through no fault of his own, lived forty years a slave and forty-five more a tent-dwelling wanderer. Yet, God said, *“He...hath followed Me FULLY”* (**Numbers 14:24**). Five more times, the word WHOLLY is used to describe how Caleb obeyed the Lord (**Numbers 32:12; Deuteronomy 1:36; Joshua 14:8-9, 14**). Although, this had to do with his spy assignment, it is evident that it was typical of all of his life, for the Bible does not record one sin against him.

**CALEB’S COURAGEOUS FAITH** can be seen in his going as a spy and in his always standing with the Lord and against the majority. When God wanted to fulfill His land promise (**Genesis 15:18; Exodus 3:8**), spies were charged to be of good courage and go see if the people of the land were few, or many; strong or weak; well fortified, or in tents, and whether the land was good, or bad (**Numbers 13:17-20**). Ten Princes reported that the land was good, but that the people were too mighty for Israel, which report, was an “evil report” (**Numbers 14:37**). But Caleb *“stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it”* (**Numbers 13:20**). Both Joshua & Caleb said, *“If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into the land, and give it unto us”* (**Numbers 14:8**). But, *“the congregation bade stone them with stones”* (**Numbers 14:10**). This did not stop Caleb from trusting God and continuing in his worship and service unto God.

**CALEB WOULD NOT BE CONFORMED TO SIN.** The Lord announced forty years of wilderness wandering, during which time all men 20 years old and upward (priests excepted) would die. Also ten of the spies died at that time as punishment for their evil report. But God said, *“My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed Me FULLY, him will I bring into the land where he went; and his seed shall possess it.”* (**Numbers 14:24**)

**CALEB SUFFERED BECAUSE OF THE SINS OF OTHERS.** He suffered 40 years of trials before he would receive his promised land. *“None of the men that came up out of Egypt, from 20 year old and upward, shall see the land...because they have not WHOLLY followed Me: save Caleb and Joshua...for they have WHOLLY followed the Lord”* (**Numbers 32:11-12**).

**CALEB’S FAITH WAS PROCLAIMED TO ALL.** He experienced the wilderness trials without sinful murmurings, while Israel did not. He experienced what caused Moses, Aaron, Miriam and the Korathites to sin and did not as they did. He experienced the dying and burying of over 600,000 fighting men, plus all others dying in plagues because of their sins. Near the end, Moses told Israel that Caleb would possess the land promised him of God *“because he (Caleb) hath WHOLLY followed the Lord”* (**Deuteronomy 1:36**).

**CALEB ACCEPTED THE LORD’S CHALLENGES.** At 85 years old, he was still ready for the challenge of taking the land from the giants. He told Joshua, *“Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spoke in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there and that the cities were great and fenced; if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said”* (**Joshua 14:12**).

**CALEB INHERITED WHAT GOD PROMISED** because he showed complete trust in God and never wavered in faith, though all around him did, except Joshua. *“Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb...because that he WHOLLY followed the LORD GOD of Israel”* (**Joshua 14:14**). **CALEB IS A GREAT EXAMPLE!**