

## THE WARRIOR SOUL Be Strong SERIES PART 2

All human suffering, pain, and loss can be traced back to one main event — the fall — and one main antagonist — the adversary of our souls, Satan. From that day forward mankind would be at war with his spiritual adversary, with himself, and with the very ground under his feet until Jesus sets up his Kingdom.

*Our tent is pitched not in a paradise, but on a field of battle.”  
LE Maxwell, Pastor and Author*

“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

**Numbers 13:31-32 (NIV)**

The Lord said... “Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.... For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.” **Numbers 14:26, 30, 34 (NIV)**

### FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A WARRIOR SOUL<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “**You know the word which the Lord spoke** to Moses the man of God concerning **you and me** in Kadesh-barnea. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him **as it was in my heart**. <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but **I followed the Lord my God fully**. <sup>9</sup> So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God fully. <sup>10</sup> Now behold, the Lord has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today. <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in. <sup>12</sup> Now then, give me this

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<sup>1</sup> These five characteristics are from a book called **The Warrior Soul** by Gen. Jerry Boykin (Ret.) and Dr. Stu Weber.

hill country about which the Lord spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim were there, with great fortified cities; **perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I will drive them out** as the Lord has spoken." **Joshua 14:6-12 (NASB)**

**1. A SENSE OF TRANSCENDENT CAUSE** (vs. 7 — *AS IT WAS IN MY HEART...*)

Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. **Ephesians 1:18 (VOICE)**

**2. A SETTLED MEMORY** (vs. 6 — *YOU KNOW THE WORD WHICH THE LORD SPOKE...*)

**3. A PERSONAL INTENSITY** (vs. 8 — *I FOLLOWED THE LORD MY GOD FULLY...*)

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...

**Philippians 3:13 (NIV)**

**4. AN UNFLAGGING OPTIMISM** (vs. 12 — *PERHAPS THE LORD WILL BE WITH ME, AND I WILL DRIVE THEM OUT...*)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9**

**5. A DEEP CAMARADERIE** (vs. 6 — *YOU AND ME...*)

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

**Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)**

**Closing Challenge:** Pick one and begin to apply it to your life this week.