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【書 Josh 24:31】

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How did Caleb pass his faith to the next generation?

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"God has only sons and daughters, no grandchildren." It means that each generation must know Jesus by themselves because a Christian's child will not naturally become a Christian. Similarly, each generation has to have their own personal experiences of faith in God because it cannot be automatically passed on from the parents to the children. Thus, creating or allowing the challenges to their faith is actually good for your children.

Reflections:

1. Would you like to see your offspring have faith equally strong as you or greater faith than you? Besides praying for them, do you have any set procedures for them? 你希望你的後代有和你一樣的信心, 或是比你更強的信心嗎? 除了為他們禱告以外, 你有甚麼訓練的計畫嗎?

2. Do you see the strength of your children? What do you most urgently need to pray for them? 你看到你孩子的強處嗎? 你要如何強力的為你的孩子禱告?

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