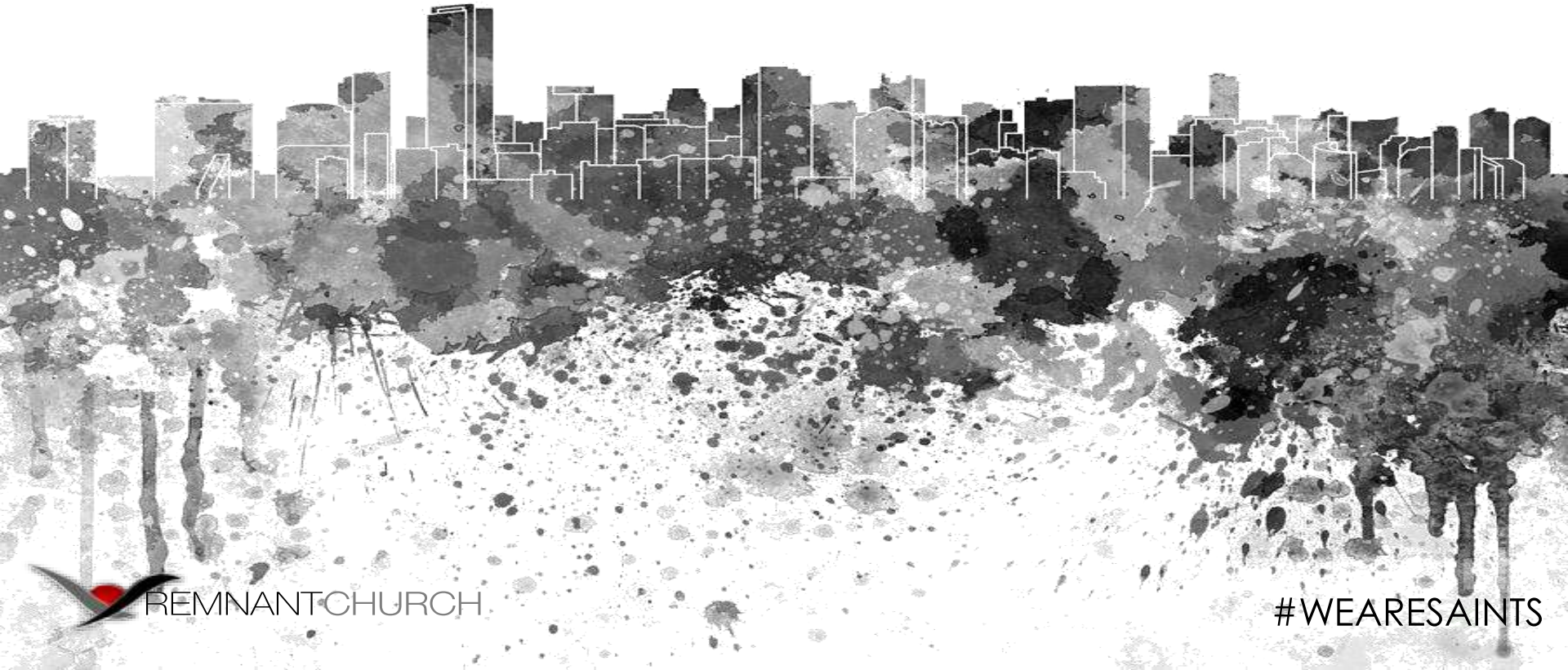


Saints

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSE



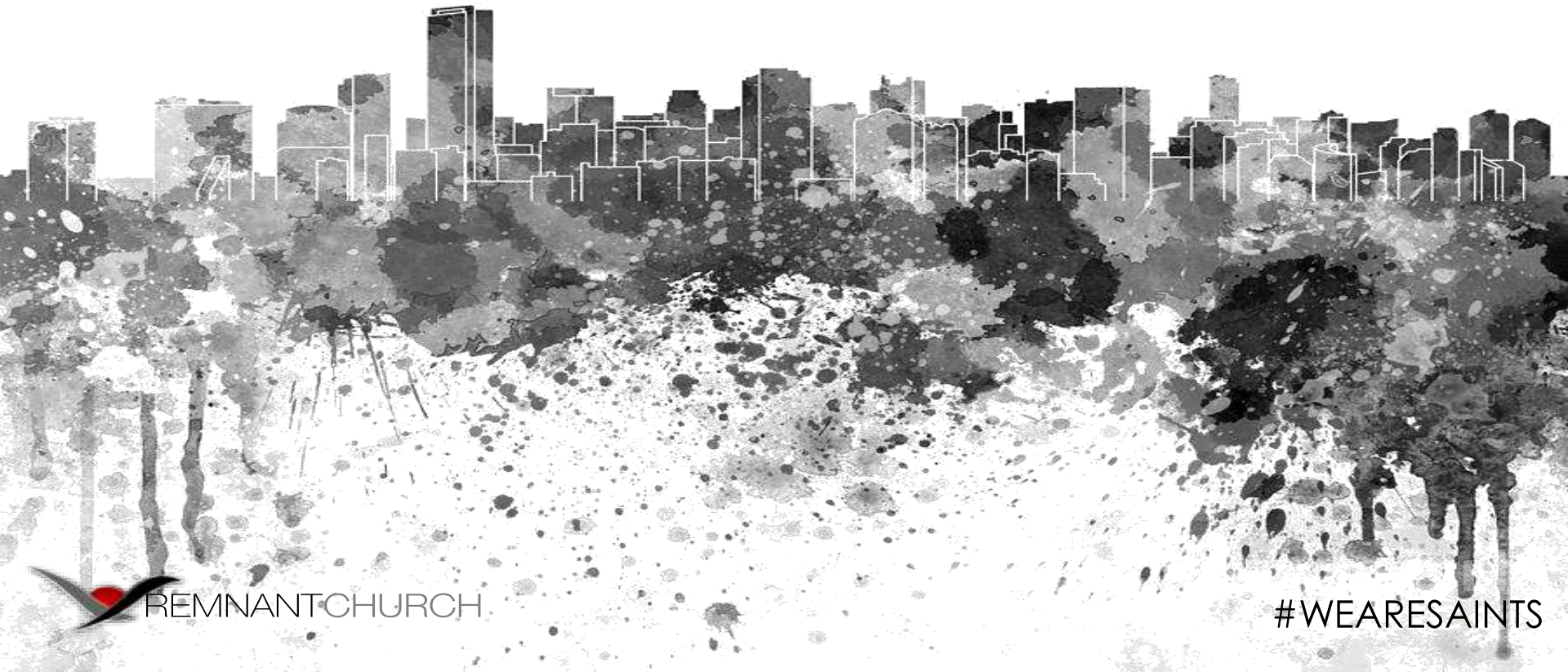
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Saints Hang Tough

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JOSHUA 14:6-14



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Urban Dictionary

“hang tough”: to remain resolute in the face of adversity :
HANG IN

Saints must be purposefully steadfast to trust in who God says He wants to be for you...especially during really rough times

This a season for the Saint to “hang tough”



Caleb and Joshua

***Two ordinary guys (Saints)
with extraordinary faith***

Number 14:22-24 – Joshua 14:6-14



Numbers 14:22-24

*22 none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, 23 shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. 24 But my servant Caleb, **because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully,** I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.*



Joshua 14:6-14

⁶ Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. ⁷ 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 him word again as it was in my heart. ⁸ But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt;



9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.' 10 And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. 11 I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming.



12 So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said.” 13 Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day.



1. The Tragedy of Disobedience

Numbers 14:20-23

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “I have pardoned them...

²² Not one of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, ²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it

Saints will never lose their pardon, but grumbling and disobedience can absolutely derail you from stepping into a calling, an assignment, or a place of blessing from God.

“Consecration matters”



2. The Benefits of Trusting God

Numbers 14:24
But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

We should trust God enough that we carry a “different spirit” that also allows us to walk in a willingness to “follow God fully”.

“Bring God something he can bless”



3. Aggressively Guard What Has Been Said Over You

Joshua 14:7

6 Then the people of Judah came to Joshua...and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me.

God’s Word is packed with statements of who He wants to be for you ...both directly to you and in symbolism.

There is absolutely nothing wrong about reminding God of that or even others at times.

“Boldly stand there”



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



Luke 18: 1-8

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,



5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



James 4:3 (AMP)

3 [Or] you do ask [God for them] and yet fail to receive, because you ask with wrong purpose and evil, selfish motives. Your intention is [when you get what you desire] to spend it in sensual pleasures.

It is very easy to fall into the trap of asking with the wrong motives and then being disappointed that we didn't hear or receive from God on the matter like we may have wanted.

"We can be bold in what we ask or believe for, when it is in agreement with what God has said over us or aligns with the plans He has for our lives.



4. Aggressively Guard What You Believe

Joshua 14:7

**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
him word again as it
was in my heart.**

There are times when every Saint must be determined (in a very gritty way) to believe fully what God has promised or said without discouragement or doubt.

“Why? Because those can quickly turn to unbelief”



King David's Self Talk

Psalm 42:5

**Why are you cast down,
O my soul, and why are
you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall
again praise him,
my salvation**

***King David is speaking into
his own life....he is giving
himself a pep talk.***

***What you are seeing or
experiencing now is not how
it all ends. It is not the end of
your story.***

"You shall again praise Him"



5. You Are Still Strong... If Not Stronger

Joshua 14:10-11

¹⁰ And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses...and now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. ¹¹ I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming.

*The truth is Saints...
you haven't lost a
thing when it comes
to God promises for
you and His ability to
keep you in these
times.*

*"You're still standing
and maybe even
stronger than ever"*



King David's Self Talk cont.

Psalm 18:31-51

31 For who is God, but the LORD?...my Rock

32 He is the God who equipped me with strength

33 You made me like a deer and set me securely on the heights

34 You supported me, and your gentleness made me great

36 You gave a wide place to walk and my feet did not slip

37-48 You protect me in war and now nations and people follow me

49 For this I will praise you, O LORD

50 Salvation he brings and steadfast love to his anointed

“The point is; that David is recalling God’s sovereign care from his past to encourage himself today”



6. Trust God Enough to Expect it to Happen

Joshua 14:12-13

¹² So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the LORD said.” ¹³ Then Joshua blessed him, and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

God isn't wearing a face mask...he is not hindered in any way.

“To be at the end of man's resources is not to be at the end of God's resources.”

“Don't fail to be fully convinced of that”



Wrapping it Up

2 Corinthians 4:13

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak,

We can't control God's timing of things or how it all rolls out, but we can certainly guard what we believe and how we talk while we are waiting.

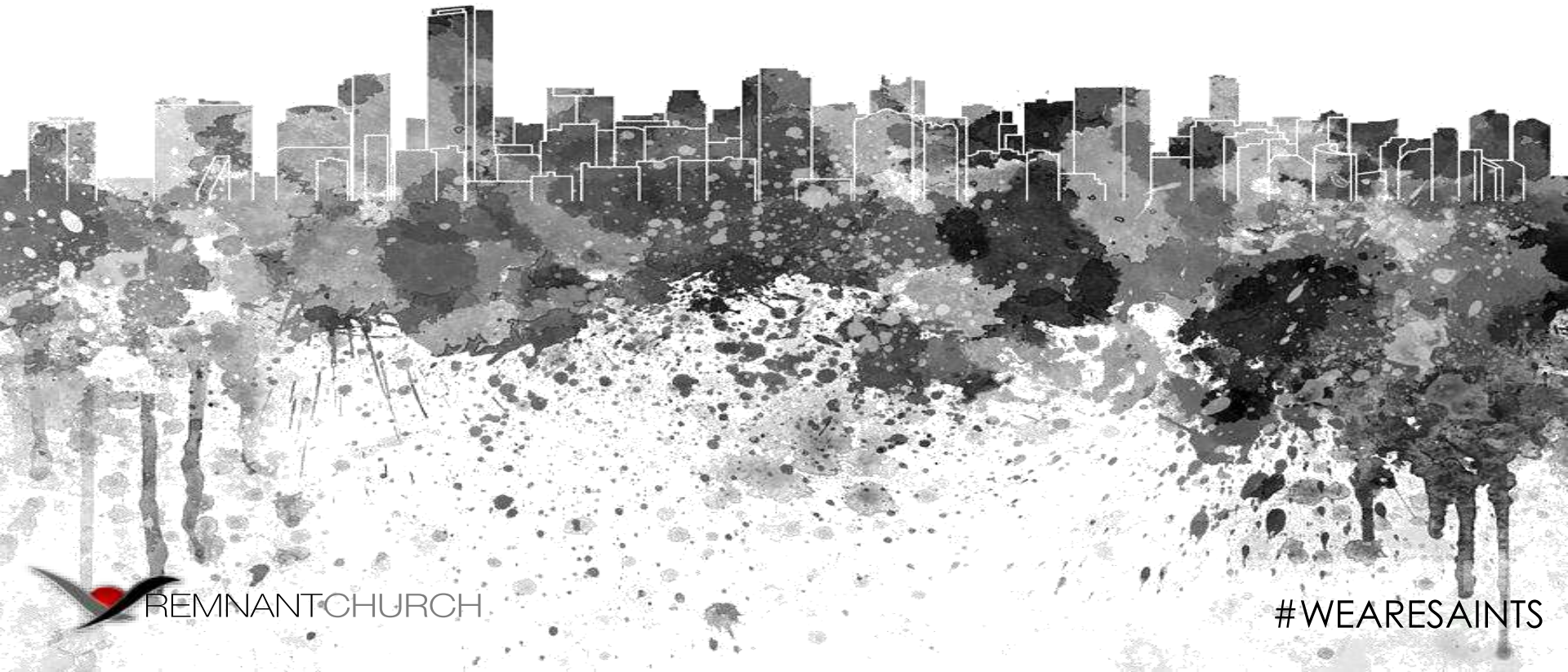
Caleb's “different spirit” never gave up believing God for the land that was promised to him.

It will be pleasing to God to find that same “spirit” of belief in us.



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