

## *Caleb Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*What is the difference between the reaction of Caleb and Joshua and that of the remainder of the spies to the land of promise?*

*How could the “negative thinkers” have forgotten all the miracles that allowed them to leave Egypt?*

*Is the LORD asking here for “blind faith” in order to trust him?*

*Would it be expected that the elders would have overruled the majority of the spies and sided with Caleb and Joshua? What was the problem?*

*Was it right for Caleb and Joshua to argue for their conclusion that the LORD was sufficient, even by mourning showing their displeasure by tearing their clothing?*

*After the decision was made and the LORD threatened to destroy the whole nation, how did Moses' prayer change the sentence?*

*Is it sometimes too late to correct a wrong decision?*

*When the naysayers changed their minds and tried to invade anyway, why did the LORD allow them to go to certain defeat?*

*Is it fair that Caleb and Joshua had to suffer the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the same as the faithless?*

*What did that experience do to their own character formation?*

*Have you been a dissenter for a righteous cause?*

*Have you seen people on the other side of the issue change? If so, what did it take?*

*How does that make you feel?*

*What attitude should it cause you to have towards your opponents?*

*Is it true that given proper information, people will do the right thing?*

*What else is needed?*