

# ***I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life***

## **Unit 2: Who Am I**

**Lesson 1:** Achieving the Dream of God

**The Cave of Wisdom:** “It ain’t over until it’s over.”

The Cave Opening:

Welcome back to The Cave of Doubt and Fear. The ‘unknown’ is a great source of fear to each of us. But sometimes an even greater fear is of the ‘known’. Today you will learn how to face known fears and move through them with courage. Yogi Berra once said during a game, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.” He also said, “You give 100% the first half of the game, and if that’s not enough, the second half you give what’s left.” Yogi was not a quitter. Neither were the two characters we will learn from today .... Joshua and Randy Pausch.

**Who am I: Achieving Dreams:** Just having a dream is not enough. To achieve your dream, you will have to want it with all of your heart and might, and be committed to obtaining it.

***Scripture:*** Joshua 24:15 “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

***Biblical Character:*** Joshua

You recall Joshua ... the battle of Jericho. He took the place of Moses. I doubt Joshua ever had the dream of replacing Moses as the leader of the Israelites. But when God chose him, Joshua received the dream God had for his life ... to conquer and settle the Promised Land. What a dream! Fear and doubt ... Joshua faced a land already occupied by strong people in fortified cities. He didn't lead an army, he led former slaves that could lay bricks. And the time came when his dream was threatened by those who no longer wanted to serve the LORD. Joshua would continue the quest for his dream ... even if he only had his own family to follow him. He refused to give up and quit ... it ain't over 'till it's over, and Joshua was not done.

***Reality Character:*** Dr Randy Pausch video on Oprah

Show the Randy Pausch at Oprah video.

Dr. Pausch knew his dream, God's purpose for his life. And he was unwilling to allow death to stop him from achieving it. When faced with difficulties, Dr. Pausch decided to be a Tigger .. not an Eeyore. The choice is yours .. which will you be?

***The Tribe:*** The Power of Positive

Joshua and Randy Pausch had one thing in common ... they were positive of the direction they would take in life. Soon, you too must decide.

**Craft:** Tigger or Eeyore ruler. Place sticker of Tigger on the 6" side of ruler and a sticker of Eeyore on the 1" side. Between the two stickers, write "I am: (your signature initials). Flip the ruler over and write "It's My Choice!". Your written initials also describe you. When complete, paint the ruler with clear polyurethane.

**Recreation Activity:** Play Scrabble using only words that describe the attitudes of a Tigger or an Eeyore. Or hand out the crossword puzzles for Tigger and Eeyore.