

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

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

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

#### **The Cave of Wisdom**

##### **The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush**

You have entered the Cave of Negative Attitudes. 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 had a positive attitude. He was not a quitter. Neither were the two characters we will learn from today .... Joshua and Randy Pausch. Negative thinking can debilitate someone just like fear. If you say you can’t do something often enough, it will become true and you will not obtain your dream.

**Circle of Fire: Achieving Dreams** “It ain’t over till it’s over.” (Yogi Berra)

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. You must also believe the dream is obtainable and have a positive attitude that you will achieve 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.

Show the video: Joshua at Jericho.

**Modern Character:** Dr Randy Pausch

Show the Randy Pausch on 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?

**Cave Dark Side Journey:** Negative Attitudes can cause you to miss the good that is around you from God and keep you from following the Dream.

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

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.

"Attitude Crosswords" – Hand out the Tigger and Eeyore crossword puzzles. See Appendix 6 Recreation for crosswords and instructions.