

But my servant Caleb,

because he has a different spirit and has followed me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and his descendants will inherit it. Numbers 14:24 (NRSV)

Caleb

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ON OUR WAY HOME

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I love Russia. I love Russian people-especially the older ones. I love (most) Russian food. I'm intrigued by the culture, even if it drives me crazy sometimes to have absolutely no idea where the end of the line is at the post office or train station. And I still chuckle when I think about a young mother I saw this winter pushing a baby carriage down the street. From my vantage point, the only visible sign of a baby was two arms sticking straight in the air from inside the carriage. That kid was bundled so well and in so many layers, he couldn't put his arms down!

The past year in Russia has been a great one, even though it hasn't always been easy. Most of ya'll reading this will understand at least a bit how strange your relationship can be with a foreign culture, especially at first. You're intrigued and frustrated, drawn and repulsed, seemingly simultaneously. It's weird...

But something happened to me over the past year that feels a bit weirder. I began to feel like one of them.

When other Americans would ask what I missed from the States, I usually didn't know what to say. I like Russian stuff. And when Russians would show surprise to find out that I'm not Russian, compliment my accent, or tell me that I look Russian, I felt like

