# Sept 25 | Sunday Don't Give In To Fear

Read Numbers 13:25-32



## 19 | Mon – Perspective? | Read Numbers 13:1-33

The Israelites had finally arrived at their destination. Camped at the border of the promised land, Moses chose 12 men to scout ahead. They returned with a divided opinion. All 12 men saw the good land but 10 men chose to focus on the giants they encountered ("we seemed like grasshoppers next to them"). Does this ever happen to you? What can you do to keep perspective when faced with challenging circumstances?

### 20 | Tue – Things are not always as they seem | Read Numbers 14:1-9

Caleb and Joshua saw something different than the other 10 spies. All 12 saw the giants but these two men knew that the imposing strong men had lost their protection. The LORD was with the Israelites. Appearances can be deceiving and it is sometimes difficult to remember that God is at work on our behalf when we are following his direction. What helps you take courage at times like these?

#### **21 | Wed – Contempt for God |** Read <u>Numbers 14:10-11 and 20-24</u>

The Israelites were more afraid of large-sized human beings than they were of the Holy Sovereign God who had shown them miracle after miracle and delivered them from the most powerful ruler in the world. Their repeated stubborn unbelief was literally showing contempt for God. Contrast that attitude with Caleb's (verse 24). How can you have a different spirit and follow God wholeheartedly?

#### 22 | Thu – "We don't know what to do..." | Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-30

The scripture is full of people facing desperate situations. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, was informed that a vast army was coming. In his alarm, he "resolved to inquire of the Lord" and his prayer is recorded in v. 6-12. Read God's answer to him in verse 15. How good it is to remember that God fights for you when you cannot fight for yourself! Make the prayer of Jehoshaphat your own and see what God will do on your behalf.

### 23 | Fri – Antidote to Fear | Read Philippians 4:6-7

Fear is a universal emotion, but you cannot let it paralyze you. The apostle Paul was very practical when giving advice on how to deal with fear...don't do this, do that instead, and here's what will happen. This passage has been encouraging people for centuries. Why not memorize these two verses? Then you will know what to do the next time fear tries to control your life.

#### 24 | Sat – The Bottom Line | Read Isaiah 46:9-14

There are times when we become afraid because we feel very alone facing the challenges before us. If that is the case for you, read these words...a promise actually...from the most powerful ally you will ever know - the LORD God himself. These are his words to you, recorded by the prophet Isaiah, because God wants you to know how completely committed He is to you.

