

Ready to Receive the Promise

Numbers 13: 1 – 14: 10

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Series: Heading to the Promised Land

The Reconnaissance Mission. Vv. 1

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- Twelve spies are sent.
 - The route and breadth of the mission.
 - Determine the strength of the enemy.
 - Bring evidence of the abundance of the land.
- The forty day mission proves successful.
 - The travel the full extent of the land promised to Israel.
 - They return with a huge cluster of grapes and other fruit.

The Report. Vv. 25 – 33.

- The land was truly fruitful – a land of milk and honey.
- Nevertheless:
 - The people there are strong, cities fortified and large.
 - Giants live there, descendants of Anak.
 - All the people live in well fortified cities with high walls.
 - Bottom line – we felt like grasshoppers in our own eyes as well as theirs. We will get crushed and destroyed.
- The minority report from Caleb.
 - We can surely take it, we will defeat all enemies by the power of our God.

The Decision of Israel. 14: 1 - 10

- All the people wept, mourned and wished to die.
 - They saw the giants, but couldn't see their God.
 - They determined that they would be defeated in any attempt to gain the Promised Land.
- Moses and Aaron intercede with God.
 - They knew God would begin to punish the people.
 - Meanwhile Caleb and Joshua implore the people to trust God's word and go take the land.
- Israel determines to kill these four faithful leaders, select a new leader and return to Egypt.

Conclusion

- God may give us an opportunity to just trust in Him and enter the “Promised Land,” but it will take faith in Him and knowing that He is bigger than the difficulties we see.
- We must be aware that fear of giants can keep us from faithfulness to God, and impossibilities as we see it are more than possible with Him.
- Be a Caleb and Joshua and always faithfully follow God’s directions and promises despite the appearances of the impossibilities.