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16 These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. . . . 26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites,

Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan." 30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the Nephilim there (the

descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Numbers 13:16-33

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. 6 Joshua son of Nun

and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them." 10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. . . . 20 the

Lord replied, "I have forgiven them, as you asked. 21 Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, 22 not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— 23 not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. 24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Numbers 14:1-24

- The greatest struggle in life and especially in the realm of our inheritance is for good vision
- Around 2 million people missed the inheritance God had promised them, and brought them to, because 10 people saw things incorrectly. An entire generation had to die in the desert through poor vision
- This kind of poor perspective sets us on dangerous paths away from God's plan - it chokes out the promises and word of God
- If we are going to pursue God's promises we must get our sight from God

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9 and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in

heaven above and on the earth below.

Joshua 2:8-11

- Israel is crying and weeping in the moment they should have been feasting and rejoicing
- They spent a sleepless night in wailing when it should have been sleepless through excitement
- Problems are always part of the process if we are to receive the promises
- Its our view that unlocks our inheritance

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Numbers 13:33

- The enemy develops his definition of who you are by what you say and think about yourself his opinion and attack on you is predicated on what you think of yourself
- Seeing yourself correctly is the challenge and it is the gospel and encounters with Holy Spirit that liberates us
- Our grasshopper mentality comes from inside of us and so demands a renewal of our minds

- You and I have to take responsibility to manage who and what we allow to define us.
- There is absolutely nothing about you that God does not know
- God has the most classified information possible about you and with all that knowledge He chose you anyway
- He has searched you from cover to cover and He still wants you
- Tremendous power is unlocked through good vision

- I'm sold how can I create a good vision?
- Watch out for what skews your vision
- Elijah had his greatest day of ministry, called down fire from heaven on a sacrifice, killed 850 false prophets, prayed for and broke a drought, outran horses and chariots into the city and because of a threat from Jezebel runs away and is talking suicide
- How can I see clearly?



1. Know what

God said
so you can
repeat it

8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Joshua 1:8

2. Deny other opinions so they do not contaminate you

12 "I, even I, am he who comforts you. Who are you that you fear mere mortals, human beings who are but grass, 13 that you forget the Lord your Maker, who stretches out the heavens and who lays the foundations of the earth, that you live in constant terror every day because of the wrath of the oppressor, who is bent on destruction?

Isaiah 51:12-13

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

3. Go and tell the world so that they can see truth

13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:13-15