

**WE ARE WELL ABLE TO OVERCOME**

**FROM FEAR  
TO FAITH**

Numbers 13:17-33



# **SENDING OUT THE SPIES**

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- **The Mission- See what the land is like...**
  - People: Strong or weak?
  - People: Few or many?
  - Land: Good or bad?
  - Cities: Camps or strongholds?
  - Land: Rich or poor?
  - Is there a forest or not?

# SENDING OUT THE SPIES

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- **What the Mission was Not...**
  - People: Strong or weak enough to overtake?
  - People: Few or too many to take the land?
  - Land: Good or too bad to really worry about it?
  - Cities: Camps or strongholds that cannot be taken?
  - Land: Rich or too poor to waste our time?

# SENDING OUT THE SPIES

- **God's Promise**

- To Abraham

- Genesis 17:8 “Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

# SENDING OUT THE SPIES

- **God's Promise**

- To Moses

- Genesis 17:8 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan and to be your God.”

**This Mission Was Assured**

# SENDING OUT THE SPIES

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- **Therefore, this was not a mission to see...**
  - Whether or not they could take the land but a mission to see how they were going to take the land.
  - If they had enough strength to take the land but to see how better to use God's strength to take the land.

An open book is shown from a high angle, tilted slightly. The pages are white and feature the word "Fear" in a large, bold, grey font. The book is set against a background of a cloudy sky with a bright light source behind the pages, creating a lens flare effect. The left side of the image has a vertical yellow gradient bar.

Fear

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

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- **Their Report...** (Numbers 13:25-29, 31-33)
  - The People are strong
  - The Cities are fortified and very large
  - They are stronger than we
  - The land devours its inhabitants
  - The men are of great stature
  - There are giants in the land
  - Against them we are like grasshoppers

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

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- **Their Report...What FEAR did**
  - Fear hindered those 10 spies ability to think straight.
    - They lost trust in God
    - They lost confidence in themselves

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

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- **Their Report...What FEAR did**
  - Their fearful report affected those around them. (Numbers 14:1-4)
    - The people lost trust in God
    - The people lost confidence in themselves
    - Fear made them prefer the old life of slavery rather than the life God had promised

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

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- The End Result of Fear

**WE ARE NOT ABLE  
TO OVERCOME  
THROUGH  
FEAR!**

An open book is shown from a low angle, tilted upwards. The pages are white and appear to be glowing from within. The word "Faith" is written across the center of the pages in a large, bold, serif font. The background is a bright, cloudy sky with rays of light emanating from behind the book. The book is reflected on a yellow surface below it.

Faith

**RETURN OF THE SPIES**

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- **Caleb and Joshua's Report... (Numbers 13:30; 14:5-9)**
  - WE ARE WELL ABLE TO OVERCOME
  - If the Lord delights in us He will bring us into the land and give it to us
  - Only do not rebel against the Lord
  - Don't fear the people of the land
  - The Lord is with us

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

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- **Caleb and Joshua's Report...What FAITH did**
  - Their faithful report affected those around them. (Numbers 14:10)
    - The people got mad at Caleb and Joshua
    - The people lost confidence in Caleb and Joshua
    - Faith in doing what God said made them want to put to silence the mouth of anyone who would try to do what God said

# RETURN OF THE SPIES

- The End Result of Faith

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FAITH!**

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Fear or Faith?**

- God has made you a promise also

- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

- 1 Timothy 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...”

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Fear?**

- Will you fold at the first sign of danger
- Will you run back to the old life in fear of what lies ahead in the new life
- Will fear of your circumstances cause you to lose faith and trust in God
- Will you turn your back on God
- Or will you complain and murmur at the different obstacles that may befall you

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

- **Faith?**

- Will you trust God no matter what
- Will you realize that the God who you serve is bigger than any obstacle you face
- Will you gain assurance that NO matter what situation you find yourself in that you are **WELL ABLE TO OVERCOME...**
  - Financial
    - Paying your bills
    - Finding a job
    - Putting food on the table

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Faith?**

- Family

- Marital

- Children

- Single parent

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Faith?**

- Christian Life

- Standing on the Truth

- Persecution because you don't run with the old crowd

- You are the only Christian in the family

- Husbands called “Hen-Pecked” because... (you love your wife)

- you tell your wife where you are going and call her on the way back.

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Faith?**

- Wives called “Weak Women” because...
  - You choose to submit to you husband
  - You choose to let the husband be the head and lead the home
  - You choose to be the Godly mother of the house

# WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

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- **Faith?**

- Or any other area of your life where you choose to do the right thing
- Will fear cause you to compromise or will faith propel you further along on the pathway of righteousness.

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**FAITH**