What Do You See

Greg Kline · Numbers 13:1–14:4

INTRODUCTION

- Generally speaking, there's two ways of viewing life. You can look at it as an opportunity, or you can look at it as an obligation or a problem.
- They are trying to figure out is God going to keep his promise to us? Is he going to let us into the promised land?

1 God Sends the Spies to See the Land

Numbers 13:1–2; Numbers 13:17–20; Numbers 13:25–29

- The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel.
- He needed them to have faith and to see his power and to see his promises rather than the difficulties of this life that so often not only distracted them, but distract us as well.
- It flows with milk and honey. And this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large.
- And so they have a question to answer, just like we do. What are they going to focus on?

2 Two Different Viewpoints

Numbers 13:30–33; Numbers 14:1–4

- Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.
- We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.
- Just like our society today, the negative often wins the discussion.
- Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt? And they said to one another, let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.
- But they, like us, fixated. They got frustrated. And so their decision making was poor.

3 What Do We See When We Spy Out Our Land?

- My question for us is what do we see when we spy out our land?
- Are you someone who sees an opportunity? Or someone who sees all the problems and the faults and the challenges.
- It doesn't matter what you see, it matters what God will do with what you see.
- God expects us to trust in Him so that we're not dragged down by the threats and the adversaries that the devil wants us to see.
- People will always fail us. But God never will. Is your faith and trust in people? In good people, or in our perfect God?

4 Do I Let the Giants Frighten Me?

Matthew 6:25–33

- Jesus says, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life. What you will eat or what you will drink.
- The problem isn't that we shouldn't focus on eating or drinking. It's being preoccupied with it.
- God doesn't promise to eliminate all obstacles. He promises us to get us through them.
- A thermometer tells you what the temperature is. A thermostat regulates the temperature. The question is, what kind of person am I?

5 Remember What He Has Promised

Colossians 3:2; 1 John 2:17; Matthew 6:33

- One is I have to remember what he has promised.
- Paul says, set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- My problems are not that there are giants. It's that I fixate on them and I can't see past them.

6 See the Blessings He Has Delivered

Colossians 4:2; Romans 8:38–39

- Consider, secondly, see the blessings he has delivered.
- We have to defeat doubt by strengthening our faith.
- Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The question is, will I take his hand as he tries to elevate us as well?**

MY NOTES