

Week 8 (2/25/24)

Joshua & Caleb

The Promised Land

Read Numbers 13:1-3

They were being sent to scout, but God already knew what they would find. This was also a test of Faith

Discuss - Reflecting on the mission of the twelve spies, what significance do you see in the fact that they were chosen leaders within their tribes?

Read Numbers 13:31-33

Discuss -What parallels can we draw between the doubts expressed by the majority of the spies and our own struggles with fear and doubt in facing challenges?

- What obstacles did the spies encounter in the Promised Land, and how did they react to them?
- In your own life, how do you approach obstacles and challenges? Do they strengthen or weaken your faith?

Joshua and Caleb had the vision to see that if God had moved in the past, He would move now. It was no big deal for God. They were two men of exceptional faith. They could see what God has promised rather than what was immediately in front of them.

Their ATTITUDE was different.

- You can Choose your Attitude!
- Your Attitude defines you.

Consider the consequences of doubt and fear. How have you seen doubt impact your own life or the lives of those around you?

Read Numbers 13:30

Discuss - 1) According to the text, how did the attitude of the majority of the spies differ from that of Joshua and Caleb? 2) How can one's attitude impact their ability to trust in God's promises, especially in the face of challenges?

Instead of stepping forward in faith, they stepped back in fear, even longing to return to Egypt, to bondage.

Read 2Timothy 1:7

Don't be Poisoned by Fear: Fear distorts reality. It magnifies obstacles and minimizes God's power. We must choose not to let fear dictate our decisions

Read Galatians 6:9

Discuss - Galatians 6:9 encourages perseverance in doing good, reminding us of the promise of reaping a harvest in due time. How does this verse resonate with the challenges and struggles we face in our faith journey?

Discuss - Share or have someone else share a personal experience where you faced a daunting challenge or obstacle.

- How did you navigate through fear and doubt, and what lessons did you learn from that experience?
- How can the lessons from Numbers 13 and 14 guide your approach to overcoming obstacles and maintaining faith in your journey?

Close in prayer.

Upcoming Events:

WorldView Wednesdays	- Starting again on April 10th, Wenesday at 6:30
Adult Sunday School	- Beginning March 3rd at 10:30 in the Student Building