11.22.26 SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Let's Go Now!

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SERMON OVERVIEW

Twelve spies entered the Promised Land, saw the same things, and returned with two completely different reports. Ten partnered with fear, while Joshua and Caleb responded in faith. Their responses determined whether they would move forward into God's promises or return to the wilderness.

As believers, we face the same choice. Faith keeps God in the equation, remembers His faithfulness, and moves forward in obedience even when obstacles remain.

In this study guide, we will explore the three main points from Matt Scott's message and examine how we can apply these biblical truths to our daily lives.

1. Faith and fear can see the same facts and come to two completely different conclusions.
2. Faith remembers what God has said and done.
3. Faith obeys before it sees a miracle.

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Overview: Faith does not deny the reality of the giants before us. Instead, it recognizes the greater reality of who God is. When we remove God from the equation, circumstances can appear impossible. When we partner with faith, our perspective, words, and decisions reflect our trust in Him rather than our fear of the circumstances.

Key Scriptures: Numbers 13:25–33; Numbers 14:6–9

STUDY THE WORD

1. What evidence did the spies bring back that confirmed what God had said about the Promised Land? (Numbers 13:25–27)
2. What obstacles did the spies identify, and what conclusion did the ten spies reach? (Numbers 13:28–33)
3. How did Caleb's response differ from the report of the other spies? (Numbers 13:30–31)
4. How did the spies' perception of themselves influence their report? (Numbers 13:33)
5. What truths about God formed the foundation of Joshua and Caleb's confidence? (Numbers 14:6–9)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where in my life am I evaluating a situation without including God in the equation?
2. Do my conversations, social media posts, and responses to current events magnify the activity of the enemy or reflect my confidence in God?
3. If I recognize that fear has been influencing my perspective, words, or decisions, what does God's Word say about how I should respond instead? Search the Scriptures, identify the biblical truth, and determine what changes I need to make to live in alignment with it.

DIG DEEPER: 2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 56:3–4; Romans 8:31; 2 Corinthians 5:7

2. Faith remembers what God has said and done.

Overview: Fear has a short memory. It causes us to focus on the obstacles before us while forgetting the victories behind us. Joshua and Caleb's confidence was rooted in the faithfulness of God. Remembering His Word, His character, and His past works strengthens our faith to face present challenges.

Key Scriptures: Numbers 14:11, 20–24; Deuteronomy 8:2–18

STUDY THE WORD

1. What connection does God make between the signs He performed and the Israelites' failure to believe Him? (Numbers 14:11)
2. What had the Israelites witnessed, and what were the consequences of their unbelief? (Numbers 14:20–23)
3. What distinguished Caleb from the others, and what did God promise him? (Numbers 14:24)
4. What experiences did God instruct the Israelites to remember from their time in the wilderness, and what had He taught them through those experiences? (Deuteronomy 8:2–5)
5. How does God instruct His people to guard against forgetting Him, particularly in seasons of prosperity? (Deuteronomy 8:10–18)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where has my focus on a current obstacle caused me to forget what God has already said or done?
2. What evidence of God's past faithfulness should be shaping my response to my present circumstances?
3. If I have allowed present circumstances to overshadow God's past faithfulness, what does Scripture teach me about remembering His Word and His works? Search the Scriptures and identify biblical practices I can begin incorporating into my daily life.

DIG DEEPER: Psalm 77:11–14; Psalm 78:4–7; Psalm 103:1–5; Lamentations 3:21–24

3. Faith obeys before it sees a miracle.

Overview: Faith is not simply an internal belief system. It produces action. When the Israelites stood before the Jordan River, God instructed them to step into the water before it parted. Faith moves in obedience to God without requiring Him to remove every obstacle first. His faithfulness calls for a response of faith from us.

Key Scriptures: Joshua 3:7–17; James 2:14–26

STUDY THE WORD

1. What did God command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant to do? (Joshua 3:7–8)
2. What did Joshua tell the Israelites would demonstrate that the living God was among them? (Joshua 3:9–13)
3. What was the condition of the Jordan River, and when did the waters stop flowing? (Joshua 3:14–17)
4. How does James describe faith that is not accompanied by action? (James 2:14–20)
5. How do the examples of Abraham and Rahab demonstrate the relationship between faith and obedience? (James 2:21–26)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where am I waiting for God to change my circumstances before I obey what He has already made clear?
2. In what areas of my life do my actions fail to reflect what I profess to believe about God?
3. If I recognize that fear or uncertainty has caused me to delay obedience, what does God's Word say about the area in which I am struggling? Search the Scriptures and identify what specific step of obedience I will take to bring my life into alignment with His Word.

DIG DEEPER: Hebrews 11:7–8, 17–19; Matthew 14:28–33; Luke 5:4–6; James 1:22–25

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

God's faithfulness calls for a response of faith from us. As you finish this study, don't settle for simply gaining more knowledge of God's Word. Allow His truth to transform how you see your circumstances, what you speak, what you remember, and how you respond. Refuse to let fear determine your decisions or delay your obedience. Search the Scriptures, remember God's faithfulness, and take intentional steps to bring your life into alignment with His Word. Faith is not passive. Faith moves. Faith obeys.

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