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Let's Go Now!

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SERMON OVERVIEW

Twelve Israelite 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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1. Faith and fear can see the same facts and come to two completely different conclusions.

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. How much of my perspective about myself, my relationships, and my future is shaped by what others say, what I see on social media, or what I fear rather than what God says?
2. When the people around me are negative, fearful, or doubtful, do I join in with their conversations, or am I willing to stand apart and speak from a place of faith, even if it makes me unpopular?
3. Identify an area of my life where fear is influencing my thoughts, words, or decisions. Search God's Word to discover what He says about that area. What beliefs, conversations, or decisions need to change to bring my life into alignment with His truth?

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. When I experience disappointment, rejection, unanswered prayer, or uncertainty about my future, do I allow those experiences to change what I believe about God's character?
2. Am I intentionally building my own history with God through prayer, reading His Word, and recognizing His faithfulness, or am I relying primarily on the faith and experiences of my parents, pastors, and leaders?
3. Search the Scriptures to discover how God instructs His people to remember His Word and His works. What biblical practices can I begin incorporating into my daily life so that

my relationship with God and my confidence in Him continue to grow, regardless of my circumstances?

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. When I am praying and believing God for something, am I waiting for Him to change my circumstances before I take a step of faith? What does this reveal about my trust in Him?
2. Are there areas of my relationship with God where I say I believe His Word, but my actions do not reflect what I believe? What is keeping me from putting my faith into action?
3. Identify an area of my life where I am waiting for an answer, a breakthrough, or a change in circumstances. Search God's Word to discover how He instructs me to live in that situation. What specific step of obedience can I take now, before I see the answer?

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

You don't have to wait until adulthood to live a life of bold, active faith. Right now, you have the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with God that shapes how you see your circumstances, what you believe, and how you live. Build your life on the truth of His Word, intentionally remember His faithfulness, and choose to obey Him before you see the answer. Don't allow your circumstances to determine what you believe about God. Instead, allow what

you know about God to determine how you respond to your circumstances. Don't settle for knowing what the Bible says without living what it teaches.

Faith is not passive. Faith moves. Faith obeys.

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I've also updated the closing paragraph to reinforce the same emphasis on personal relationship with God, trust in His character, and obedience before seeing the outcome, rather than focusing on peer pressure.