



S E R M O N N O T E S

Minority Report

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Numbers 13:1-33; 14:1-10

- **Mission IMPASSABLE**
 - God's plans are not based on popular opinion
 - "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying" – Numbers 13:1
 - We must develop the **HABIT** of speaking to God
 - We must get our marching orders from God
 - "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan..." – Numbers 13:2a
 - God wants to send **MEN** to see the promise
 - "Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!" – Psalm 34:8
 - He wants men to have the **VISION** for the family
 - Unfortunately, Many are called, but those that *choose* are few
 - "...which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." – Numbers 13:2
 - Men **see(d)** the vision, God has the **supervision** and the woman **supports** the vision (Genesis 2)
 - God wants men to carry the **PROMISE** of the children
 - "So Moses sent them...according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who *were* heads of the children of Israel" – Numbers 13:3
 - Leaders represent their families; You cannot bypass the will of God
- **Mission IMPOSSIBLE**
 - "Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan...and see what the land is like..." – Numbers 13:17-18
 - **Canaan** (merchant or trader) – situated along the eastern Mediterranean Sea. A dry, mountainous, rocky, but contained many fertile farmlands in river valleys and coastal plains
 - Moses sends them on a reconnaissance mission
 - **Reconnaissance** - military observation of a region to locate an enemy or ascertain strategic features; preliminary surveying or research.
 - He sends them to **SURVEY** the land then he **SURVEYS** them
 - "Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes... *They also brought* some of the pomegranates and figs... And they returned from spying out the land after forty days." – Numbers 13:23-25

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- **Eschol** – cluster of grapes
- God sends them into the vineyard! (Matthew 9:35-38)
- Don't let the **FACTS** disrupt the **TRUTH**
- "Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit." – Numbers 13:27
- "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there." – Numbers 13:8
- They didn't come back **FRUITLESS**, they came back **FAITHLESS**
- Your **FAITH** will affect your **FRUIT!**
- **Mission "HIM" POSSIBLE**
 - "Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." – Numbers 13:30
 - Caleb had a different spirit!
 - "And they gave the children of Israel a bad report..." – Numbers 13:32
 - They were content with telling **GOD** how big their **PROBLEMS** were rather than telling their **PROBLEMS** how big their **GOD** was
 - Their problem was their **PERCEPTION**
 - Our fruitfulness is largely based on how we perceive things
 - **WEeping + COMPLAINING = PITY PARTY** (Numbers 14:1-4)
 - But Joshua and Caleb gave a **minority report!**
 - "...The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. " – Numbers 14:7b
 - They confirmed the **PROMISE**
 - "If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'A land which flows with milk and honey.'" – Numbers 14:8
 - They confirmed their **FAITH**
 - "What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?" – Romans 8:31
 - "But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." – Matthew 19:26

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