

A little Context from Numbers

Chapter 11 the people demand to eat meat Chapter 12 an attempted Coup Chapter 13 Yahweh test them



SPYING OUT THE LAND Numbers 13

12 leaders are selected Moses chooses men that he considered leaders

These men reflected the values and sentiment reflected by their tribes and families



Numbers 13

These Leaders are not chosen because they are not capable. These were the best and the brightest.

This is an "A-Team" The bravest, most capable, sneaky, bold, tough, porven survivors.



Numbers 13

Why does He even ask them to do this? Why didn't they just charge in?



Numbers 13

This was a test See Yeshua in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights

He knew where their hearts were before this began



Numbers 13

He was looking for a people that wanted what He wanted more than what they wanted.

He knew they were not ready if they couldn't see the Victory.



17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he told them, "Go through the Negev and then into the mountain region. 18 See what the land is like and whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 Is the land they live in good or bad? Do their cities have walls around them or not? 20 Is the soil rich or poor? Does the land have trees or not? Do your best to bring back some fruit from the land."



They were to go make a report about what they observed.

Do you think they were to add commentary or report the facts?



Caleb is ready to go!

Caleb said, "Let's go now and take possession of the land. We should be more than able to conquer it."



31 But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people! They're too strong for us!" 32 So they began to spread lies among the Israelites about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored is one that devours those who live there. All the people we saw there are very tall. 33 We saw Nephilim there.



Don't you know Joshua and Caleb are like "What is wrong with you people!" How can you not see this.

While Moses is like, "Welcome to my world!"



The kids are disciplined by their lack of faith. They had a long time to think about the consequences of their choices.

They showed the Father that were not ready.



How does this relate to you and I? The father test us. He wants to see if we are truly ready. He already knows the answer.

When he calls us do we give our opinion?



For most of us at work do you tell your boss, "That's crazy, I can't do that!" "I guess I can find someone who will" is a common boss response.

Why do we do it to the Father?



I know that in my own life I have been guilty of giving Him my opinion when all He really needed was my obedience. Now because I have given him my opinion I have opened up my self to His discipline.



The Father is looking for Joshua and Caleb. People who accept Him for Who He is and understand His power and His role in their life.

Why are there so few Able's, Abraham's, Issac's, Jacob's, Joseph, Moses', Joshua's, and Caleb's?



Joshua Chapter 2

Fitting one of the two spies has a book named after him and now finds himself in charge.

Do you think he had flashbacks to the his first time in the Promised Land?



Joshua Chapter 2

This time he only sends 2 and not 12. Why?

Joshua knew where the peoples hearts were. They were ready.



Joshua Chapter 2

14 The men promised her, "We pledge our lives for your lives. If you don't tell anyone what we're doing here, we'll treat you kindly and honestly when Yahweh gives us this land."



There is no hesitation no doubt, this is a given



He wants this for all of us. He wants people that accept His will, His Ways. Without commentary, Without questions, without doubt.



Joshua 2:18

When we invade your land, tie this red cord in the window through which you let us down. Also, gather your father, mother, brothers, and all your father's family into your house. 19 Whoever leaves your house will be responsible for his own life. We will be free from that responsibility. But we will take responsibility if anyone inside your house is harmed.



Joshua 2:18 This is a Passover type moment. Red Cloth on the window like Blood on the doorpost

All who are shut in are safe



Joshua 2:18

Covenant language



SPYING OUT THE LAND Our Hearts represent unconquered lands. He can't conquer them if we are not ready. We have to be willing to drive out the "ites" that are there. Until we are ready there is very little He can do but Loving correct us to the point in which we get it



As with many life lessons, it is much better to learn it the first time out



