

Two Paths

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Numbers 13 – Numbers 14:1-10, Numbers 14: 24 & 30

Then He said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.” **Genesis 15:7**

On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.” **Genesis 15:18-21**

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” **Joshua 1:3-5**

Remember, once the Israelites got out of Egypt (slavery) they were **complaining**, not to mention, on many occasions they were stubborn and obstinate in many ways.

How many spies went in to view the land? How many do you remember, what are their names? Why?

The other spies followed the crowd, wanted it easy and didn't follow God.

Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.’ **Numbers 14:28-30**

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. **Numbers 14:24**

Differences between Joshua and Caleb and the other 10 spies?

- 1) Took God at His **Word** vs. Looked solely at their **situation**.
- 2) Focused on the **promises** of God vs. focused on their **fears** and what the crowd said.
- 3) **Grieved** over the people's disobedience vs. disobeying.
- 4) See the promise fulfilled of entering the land vs. never seeing the land and die out of disobedience.
- 5) Remembered for **following** God vs. can't even remember their name.

Most of all note, “But my servant Caleb, he has a different spirit in him and followed me fully.”

Just some of the promises of God we have:

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **James 1:5**

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **James 4:7**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Deuteronomy 31:8

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

John 3:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

John 8:36

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Luke 11:9-13

Joshua 24:1-15 and Numbers 14:24

Prayer Focus

I will stand and follow God when others will not.

I will choose to trust God and His Word.

I will obey God and His Word, including connecting to His Church and other Believers.