



Key References:

Numbers 13:30–32 (ESV) – But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”³¹ Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.”³² So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height.

Proverbs 18:21 (ESV) – Death and life are in the power of the tongue

Numbers 14:7b–9 (ESV) – “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land.⁸ If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.⁹ Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”

Joshua 2:8–11 (ESV) – Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof⁹ and said to the men, “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.¹⁰ For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction.¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.

Hebrews 4:1–2 (ESV) – Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

1 – WILDERNESS

Have you ever been lost hiking in the wilderness? What was that experience like? How did you get out?

Read Numbers 13:30–14:4. **When you heard the narrative of Israel in the wilderness on Sunday what stood out to you?**

2 – CONQUERING OUR DOUBT

Read Numbers 14:6–9. Here Joshua tries to show Israel how to defeat their own doubt. **Discuss these six things Joshua said:** *(highlighted)*

- 1 - What He is calling you to is exceedingly good.
- 2 - God delights in those He has chosen.
- 3 - The Lord who is with you and will bring you
- 4 - The Lord actually has something to give you.
- 5 - Resist your inner rebellion.
- 6 - The barriers that you perceived have been removed.

In what areas is doubt holding you back from inheritance? How is your doubt keeping you in the wilderness? What does it practically look like for you to step out in faith in this area?

Read Hebrews 3:15–19. **How does doubt & fear manifest rebellion?**

3 – GOD GRANTED THEIR GRUMBLING

Read Numbers 14:27–32. In v28 God says “*what you have said in my hearing I will do to you*” and grants what they have grumbled. **How should this be a warning to us? How can being controlled by fear lead to those same fears becoming true?**

Read Proverbs 18:21. **How has this verse been true in your life? How can you keep yourself from believing “bad reports”?**

4 – THE ENEMY MELTS AWAY

Read Joshua 2:8–11. Even the enemy knew that their own days were numbered! **What lessons should we learn from this? Is there any area in our city that God is calling you to gospel conquest?**

Read Hebrews 4:1–2. **What promises from God that you’ve doubted do you want to pick back up today?**