

# Choices & Destinations

There are places in all of our lives, small windows of time, sometimes a once in a lifetime chance to be a part of, to see God do something supernatural. We all have that opportunity, as individuals and as a church, and for some things and purposes, sometimes only one chance. How will we choose?

## **Discover The Moments Of Choice**

Seize the moments of God's timing.

God had worked through the circumstances of history and brought His people to this place at this time to fulfill a promise He had made to them.

Numbers 13:1-2 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 “Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, everyone a ruler among them.”

## **Perceiving The Moments**

Often we see God's moment as a burden, and not as a blessing.

Sometimes it is because we had ‘other plans’ and at times we find ourselves simply afraid to take the risky, radical steps in the direction we know He has told us to go.

Numbers 13:31-32 But 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.” 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad account of the land they had been to see, saying, “This land through which we went is a land causing destruction to those living in it; and all the people we saw there are men of more than common size.”

**God always has something better, something more, in mind for us. He never wants us to live in the past.**

**God's moments will always be a blessing.**

Numbers 14:6a And Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh 7 Said to all the children of Israel 9...Only, do not go against the Lord or go in fear of the people of the land, for they will be our food; their strength has been taken from them and the Lord is with us: have no fear of them.

**How do you see the challenge of something new and better that God wants for you?**

## **Discover The Means In The Moment**

See God's plan in the moment.

**God's perspective is: Trust Me and follow, I can do it.**

Numbers 13:2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, everyone a ruler among them.

**Man's perspective is: I can't do it.**

Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

**Determine The Future By Your Choices**

Realize the ramifications of your choices.

Numbers 14:11 And the Lord said to Moses, How long will this people have no respect for Me? how long will they be without faith, in the face of all the signs I have done among them? 12 I will send disease on them for their destruction, and take away their heritage. 23 They will not see the land about which I made an oath to their fathers; not one of 13 these by whom I have not been honored will see it.

**Their choices, (inaction) their fears, kept them from God's blessing.**

God said 'I have done enough for them to understand that it does not depend on them. It depends on Me, and their obedience.'

**The choice not to follow God's plan always leads to suffering for everyone. Those who love you are especially impacted.**

In this biblical text, a huge, once in a lifetime window of opportunity is closed to them forever. Their chance for that particular blessing will never come again. The negative influencers actually died on the spot:

Numbers 14:37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

**Their choice not to trust God led to suffering for others.**

Numbers 14:33 And your children will be wanderers in the waste land for forty years, undergoing punishment for your false ways, till your bodies become dust in the waste land.

**Choosing to follow God's plan always leads to blessings.**

Numbers 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had a different spirit in him, and has been true to me with all his heart, him I will take into that land into which he went, and his seed will have it for their heritage. 30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, except Caleb the son of ephunneh,

and Joshua the son of Nun.

**After the choice is made, often it is irreversible.**

Numbers 14:42 Go not up, for the Lord is not with you, and you will be overcome by those who are fighting against you.

**Some windows of God's blessing can close, never to open again. Let's not miss God's windows of blessing this year. Let's seize the moments, follow His plan, and pass on the positive ramifications from right choices. We do not have to live in fear of missing it, either. His Word will instruct you (us). So dive into His Word this year, and be willing to act on God's leading.**