

# Cornerstone

Sunday AM, October 25, 2020  
The Power of a Bad Report

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## Numbers 13:27–33

"But there is one thing we know..."

- Ah, THE POWER OF ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' THE  
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- There's the \_\_\_\_\_!! How you \_\_\_\_\_ is a  
reflection of your \_\_\_\_\_, just as much as how you  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!

Joshua 14:6–15 ...and now, here I am this day, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
years old. <sup>11</sup> As yet I *am as* \_\_\_\_\_ this day as on the day that  
Moses sent me....

If size, power, age and wealth do not matter, then it is \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient to block the hand of God in what He  
desires to accomplish!!

...Even if He chooses \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish it!

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- Prayer for the nation and for the elections
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**Numbers 13:27–33** 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.”<sup>28</sup> 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.<sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

<sup>30</sup> 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.”

<sup>31</sup> 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.”<sup>32</sup> And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature.<sup>33</sup> There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

OK, now get this... "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit."

The 12 spies accomplish their mission; each one overcame their fear of giants long enough to spy out the land and see what was there. "Milk and honey flow...Grapes of Eschol grow!"

"But there is one thing we know..."

- Ah, THE **POWER** OF 'KNOWING' THE **WRONG THING!**

<sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

Militarily, the land is well fortified and the cities are large...

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- There's the **problem!!** How you **see yourself** is a reflection of your **faith**, just as much as how you **see the enemy!**

Think of all that Israel accomplished only 40 years later...

1. Crossed the Jordan river on dry ground
2. Took Jericho in spite of its walls.
3. Failed in taking Ai, but only because of the sin of Achan.
4. Took Ai.
5. Took every other city they fought.
6. Made mistakes. God worked around their mistakes.
7. Final crowning achievement...85 year old Caleb takes Hebron (also known as Mamre, Machpelah, and Kirjath-Arba)!

**Joshua 14:6–15** Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: “You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. <sup>7</sup> I *was* forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as *it was* in my heart. <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my God. <sup>9</sup> So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children’s forever, because you have wholly followed the LORD my God.’ <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, **eighty-five** years old. <sup>11</sup> As yet I *am as strong* this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength *was* then, so now *is* my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fortified. It may be that the LORD *will be* with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said.”

**<sup>13</sup> And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (*Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim*). Then the land had rest from war.**

If size, power, age and wealth do not matter, then it is **impossible** that **anything** is sufficient to **block the hand of God in what He desires to accomplish!!**

...Even if He chooses **YOU** to accomplish it!

Think about this carefully...what giant do YOU see in your life that is blocking you from being all God called you to?

Why???

Why do you even have such a giant in your life?

Why do you allow that giant to have any authority in your life?

It is obvious by what we heard from Joshua that you can either believe God or the giants...

Not both.

Which do you choose to believe?

That determines how your life shall turn out.