



OVERCOMING GIANTS

Numbers 11-13 Context

- * People are already complaining about not having meat and having to eat the manna (Numbers 11)
- * God sends quail knee deep a day's journey: 20-24 mile radius
- * God will answer you according to your idol (Ezekiel 14:4-5)
- * Miriam and Aaron murmur about Moses because he married a Cushite (Miriam ends up getting struck with leprosy)

Numbers 11-13 Context

- * Moses has asked 12 men to spy out the land God has promised to them.
- * Each of these men are the mightiest leaders/warriors of their tribe.
- * 10 of the men come back and brought back an “evil” report (Num. 13:32)

The Evil Report

- * "Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. "Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. "Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."" {Numbers 13:27-29 NASB}

Caleb's Response

- * "Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it."" {Numbers 13:30 NASB}

The Response to Caleb

- * "But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad (evil) report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. "There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."" {Numbers 13:31-33 NASB}

The Exaggeration Power of Unbelief

- * The first response to Moses was one of doubt but more of reporting facts to Moses.
- * Caleb insisted that they can overcome the people of the land.
- * The other spies responded to Caleb with exaggeration to further support their unbelief (land devours its inhabitants, men are not just giants but really BIG giants, the Nephillim (the sons of Anak) the greatest of the giant races are there)

What Are You Magnifying?

- * *Are you magnifying the Lord or yourself and the enemy?*
- * "Let those be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress; Let those be clothed with shame and dishonor who magnify themselves over me. Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, ***"The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant."***" {Psalm 35:26-27 NASB}

- * "Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! "Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" " {Numbers 14:1-3 NASB}

Death is Inevitable...

Resurrection is Your Choice

- * They're complaining about the way they want to die.
 - * Oh, that we would have died in Egypt!
 - * Oh, that we would have died in the wilderness!
 - * We're going to die by the sword in this land.
- * You can either die a slave in Egypt, fruitless in the desert or fruitful and abundant in the Promised Land but you will have to die.

Joshua and Caleb Speak Up

- * ""If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us--a land which flows with milk and honey. "Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey (lit. food) . Their protection (lit. shadow) has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."" {Numbers 14:8-9 NASB}

Keys to Overcoming Giants

1. Do not rebel against the Lord.
2. Do not fear the people of the land.
3. These giants are our food - there is provision in facing your giants.
4. Their protection (shadow) has been removed from them.
5. The Lord is with us.
6. Do not fear them (2x)

“I hear the Father asking, ‘How hungry are you? When you get hungry enough, you get to eat giants! The giants aren’t showing up to take you out, they’re showing up so you can eat them. Eat your giants today. They are your nourishment. They are your bread and sustenance. Giants are the breakfast of champions.’”

–Bill Yount

- * You are what you eat! If you eat giants, you are a giant.
- * We are hidden in THE GIANT, Jesus Christ.
- * If you eat the word of God, you become the word of God.

Steps to Overcoming

1. *Focus on how big Jesus is, not on your smallness*
(this is actually magnifying yourself or the enemy as bigger than God and is sin).

- Spend time in God's presence
- THE GIANT, Jesus Christ is with you.

2. *Be willing to die* to your comfort, pride or what something should "look like".

3. *You need a giant-sized hunger to eat giants.*