

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Take a moment this week to think about and write down your destiny.
- The 10 spies put fear, discouragement, and discontent into the lives of the Hebrews. Take steps to lessen their influence on you.
- Joshua and Caleb saw God as greater than the giants they faced. Who in your life helps you see God as greater than your giants? What can you do this week to increase their influence in your life?
- Who do you know that is facing giants right now? What can you do this week to be a Joshua/Caleb to them?

PRAYER

- Pray for your destiny. That God would reveal it and you would seize it.
- Ask God to remove any doubts, fears, or other obstacles in your life
- Ask God to show you how you can have a Joshua/Caleb influence in your church community.
- Ask God to show you who personally needs you to be a Joshua/Caleb to them in reaching their destiny.

NOTES



Week One – See It

CONNECT

- Are you more of an optimist or more of a pessimist?
- Are there any situations, people, or issues in your life right now that intimidate you?

WORD

“They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.” Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we

saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

Numbers 13:27-33 (NIV)

“not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.”

Numbers 14:22-24 (NIV)

THOUGHT

After 400 years of slavery in Egypt, the Jews were finally set free to return to the land God had promised them in Palestine. God said it would be a land ‘flowing with milk and honey.’ However, God failed to mention that in addition to the Promised Land, their destiny also included giants. When they arrived at their destination, they decided to take a peek at the Promised Land first. They saw both the milk and honey and the giants. Of the 12 spies sent to scout out their destiny, 10 came back with a negative report, recommending that they abandon their promise, and two, Joshua and Caleb recommended that they go forward and fight the giants for their Promised Land. Today we’ll look at what this story teaches us about reaching our destiny and ending up where we always wanted to be.

DISCUSSION

1. If you’d been one of the spies discovering the giants and strong cities in this Promised Land, how would you have felt?

- Excited
 - Afraid
 - Disappointed
 - Worried
 - Other _____
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2. In relation to this story, how do you feel toward your destiny, the promises or goals in your life?

- I feel like a grasshopper in light of the obstacles I face.
 - I am influenced too much by others opinions.
 - I am making good progress.
 - I am tempted to give up on reaching my goals.
 - I really don’t know my destiny or have any goals.
 - Other _____
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3. What are some of the ‘giants’ you are currently facing?

- Debt
 - Doubts
 - Decisions
 - Fear
 - Anxiety
 - Relationships
 - Responsibilities
 - Other _____
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4. Why do you think some spies thought they could possess their promised land and some didn’t? Do you respond to situations more like the 10 spies or more like Joshua and Caleb?

5. Do you believe God has a plan for your life? Where are you in relation to knowing God and fulfilling your destiny?

6. What was it about Joshua and Caleb that caused God to take notice and have them lead the next generation into the promised land?
