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Faith for Miracles Part 3

Faith vs. Facts

1. God Spoke ...Numbers 13:1-2

The Lord said to Moses, **2** “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, ***which I am giving to the Israelites.*** From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

2. Twelve spies were sent...and came back after recognizing the land 40 days ...Numbers 13:25-26

25 At the end of **forty days** they returned from exploring the land.

26 They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

3. Ten Spies Describe the Land... (FACTS)..Numbers 13:27-29

27 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.

28 ***But*** the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. **29** 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.”

4. Caleb SPEAKS UP...! (FAITH)..Numbers 13:30

30 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.**”

5. Ten Spies respond... (FACTS & FEARS)...Numbers 13:31

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "**We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.**"

6. God Described This As Evil Report!!...(FACTS+FEARS=EVIL)

Numbers 13:32

32 And they brought up an **evil report** of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

7. How they saw themselves ..Numbers 13:33

33 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.**"

8. The contamination of Fear ...Numbers 14:1-4

The People Rebel

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. **2** All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! **3** **Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?**" **4** **And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt**

9. Two Spies ...spoke (FAITH)..Numbers 14:6-9

Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes

7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly,

"The land we passed through and explored is **exceedingly good**.

(GOD SAID THAT)

8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, **and will give it to us.**

(GOD SAID THAT)

9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because **we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us.** Do not be afraid of them.”

(HOW THEY SAW THEMSELVES , THE PICTURE OF THE FUTURE...
BASED ON WHAT GOD SAID)

[10. God's Reaction...Numbers 14:22-24, 27-28,30,34,37-38](#)

22 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—
23B. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.

24 *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.

27 “How long will this wicked community **grumble** against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. **28** *So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say:*

30 Not one of you will enter the land..., except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

34 *For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’*

37 *these men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord. 38B..., only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.*