

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Part 6: The Contrast

Text: Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

GOD'S PROMISE

- A. Out of Egypt to a better place (*Exodus 3:7-8 NKJV*)
 - 1. God saw their sorrows
 - 2. He promised them a good land - and told them there were people living in it
- B. On the cusp of the promised land (*Numbers 13:1-2 NKJV*)
 - 1. God never wavered from His message - He was giving them the land
 - 2. The 12 spies were to come back with a plan on how to take the land
- C. God had not lied (*Numbers 13:25-29 NKJV*)
 - 1. It was as He had said, a good land flowing with milk and honey
- D. Where the wheels started to come off - a indicator phrase "nevertheless"
 - 1. A good land "but" - a clue that some spies believed there was a problem
 - 2. They gave a list of the people in the land

THE CONTRASTING VOICES (*Numbers 13:30-33 NKJV*)

- A. The minority voices of "we can"
 - 1. Caleb had to quiet the people - stirred up by the "nevertheless"
 - 2. Let's go now, we are well able to overcome
 - 3. Caleb was voicing what he believed
- B. The majority voices of "we can't"
 - 1. We can't do this - the people are stronger
 - 2. They brought a bad report - when you go negative it's easy to keep going
 - 3. Their perspectives were tainted
- C. Majority rules - and that's not always good (*Numbers 14:1-4 NKJV*)
 - 1. If the people had believed Caleb they would not have cried all night (*1 Peter 1:8 NKJV*)
 - 2. Then they ventured further into the negative forest
 - 3. Then blamed the Lord for this calamity