



**EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY
ISRAEL'S FAITH JOURNEY
Devotion And Discussion Guide**

Exodus 3:7-8 ESV

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Opening Thoughts:

- God made two promises to the Israelites, to bring them out of slavery, exile, bondage, and poverty, and He promised to bring them in to a land flowing with milk and honey.
- What did you learn from the teaching on milk and honey? Have you ever received blessing from "unclean resources?" Are there abundant blessings you should be expecting in your "land flowing with milk and honey?"
- Read Numbers 13:26-14:4. How did they stop short of their promise? Can you relate this to a situation in your life, past or present? What excuses do you gravitate towards as you consider the promises you have been given by God that seem impossible?

Hebrews 3:19 ESV

¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

- The Greek definitions of unbelief signify a lack of faith and trust that result in disobedience, rebellion, and stubbornness in every case.
- Read Romans 14:23. How do these two verses resonate for you? Have you ever considered unbelief as sin? There may be only one thing standing between you and your promise land—a deadly giant called unbelief.

Key Takeaway: We must conquer the giant of unbelief.

Israel's unbelief was fueled by three things:

1) A Fear-filled Imagination

- Read Numbers 13:31-33. What they saw filled their minds with fear. List the things they saw that caused them to want to remain where they were. In what way did they let their imagination run away

with them? Can you draw some analogies with this account and your own life? Have you let what you see with your natural eyes cause your imagination to run away with you and cause fear?

- In your life right now, would you give a faith-filled report like the 2 spies, or a fear-filled report like the 10 spies? God said He is bringing you into a land flowing with milk and honey. What does that look like to you?
- Life Principle: Don't be concerned about what you see, but what God said.

2) A Chorus of Intimidation

- Read Numbers 13:32. It wasn't just what they saw that terrorized them, it was what they heard that intimidated them. There were only 2 saying yes we can, there were 8 saying no we can't.
- Read Romans 10:17. Faith is built by what we hear, and so is fear. What voices are you hearing that are intimidating you?
- How can the following Scriptures build your faith? Speak them out loud and eradicate the voices of the majority.
 - Matthew 18:20
 - Joshua 23:10
 - Matthew 18:19
- You don't have to have a majority, just one other person who can agree with you that God is true and every man a liar.

3) An Identity Shaped by Insecurity

- Read Numbers 13:33. They were grasshoppers in their own sight; they had a grasshopper identity. When they saw them they felt like grasshoppers. How would you describe feeling like a grasshopper? What has made you feel small like a grasshopper?
- Their giants weren't in the land, they were in their head.
- It is an insult to the character and nature of God to doubt His promises when your past is filled with parted seas and drowned enemies. Make a list of some parted seas and drowned enemies of your past. Then declare the following Scriptures:
 - Romans 8:31
 - Mark 9:23
 - Matthew 19:16
 - Philippians 4:13
 - Matthew 17:20
- Life Principle: Don't overestimate the enemy and underestimate yourself.

Application:

- **Key Takeaway: We must conquer the giant of unbelief.**
- Your unbelief is a giant that must be conquered before you can conquer the promised land.
- Fill your imagination with stories of faith, not fear.
- Surround yourself with voices that lift, don't lower.
- Shape your identity with what God has said, not what you see.