

020319Part Two Learning in the Dip!... **"The Dip is the long slog between starting and mastery". A long slog that's actually a shortcut, because it gets you where you want to go faster than any other path," The Dip is the long stretch between beginner's luck and real accomplishment Successful people don't just ride out the Dip, They lean into it, maintaining pace the harder and more challenging it gets.**

**We have a great example of as we continue the story of Caleb... He earned his greatest fame as a spy who had confidence in the power of his God....but that claim to fame happened when he was 40...but it would have meant nothing if he would have wavered in his decision to trust God when it got much harder to hold on to...or when it hit the dip!**

**Background...Israel had heard much about the land of milk and honey. They were now at the borders of this Promised Land. Their yearning for Egypt was past. All that remained was the conquest. Caleb was 38 years old at the time of Israel's exodus from Egypt. He belonged to the tribe of Judah. Two years after the exodus, Israel was camped along the southern border of the Promised Land. They were assured that they only had to walk over the boundary-line and take possession of the land. They would overcome all resistance by the existing inhabitants.**

So Moses had sent out 12 spies to explore the land they were to receive... They were given a strategy by Moses to use...12 men chosen all leaders in their tribes..... one from each tribe...**They were to do a S.W.O.T.**

- **Assess The Strengths of the land...The Weaknesses of the Land...the Opportunities of the land...the Threats in the land**

10 brought back a negative report summed up in Numbers 13 :33

*Nu 13 :33 We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

**Caleb's assesment in a nutshell...** *NU 13:30 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."*

**the result...: to quit!..violating the three principles of when to quit...never quit when your in a panic**

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*it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"* <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

**Violating the three principles of when to quit...!)never quit when your in a panic...2)they forgot who they were infleuencing....3) they did not look bavk to see the measurable advances they had made while on this path**

***Then Moses and Aaron cry out and plead with the people.....this is not the time to quit!! this is the time to lean into God!! don't panic...we can do this...remember God is with us..and is pleased to give it to us***

*NU 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

- **Do not be afraid and seize the opportunity... Faith pleases God!!**

*NU 14:10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them....*

## **1. The people took it to the next level to kill their deliverer ...But God intervenes**

*10.....Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? *How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?* <sup>12</sup> I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."*

- **The Lord said I am going to do what I say...and I will let these people perish as they say... and that generation perished in the Desert as they desired...and I will give you a new people and a stronger nation...that was the younger generation...and they believed enough to enter 38 years later...**
- **they were petrified with fear...to go and receive what the Lord wanted to give them..they would not go and they therefore they would not receive..**
- **but the question I have is why did God not allow his faithful servants Joshua and Caleb to go and enter the land? they had the faith ? the right attitude..but they lacked the skills... the land was not just for them ...but their relatives...they had to get them on bard...very time consuming**
- **Calbe did not balk at the dip but pressed in... it is in the Dip is where we learn and process four steps to becomng competent in the ability to handle what the Lord wants to give us...**

- **Today I want to explain how we grow in the Dip...**

Noel Burch, an employee with Gordon Training International, developed the Conscious Competence Ladder in the 1970s. **It helps us understand our thoughts and emotions during the sometimes-dispiriting learning processes in the Dip**

**The model highlights two factors that affect our thinking as we learn a new skill: 1)consciousness (awareness) what we feel and 2)skill level (competence).**

According to the model, we move through the following phases as we build competence in a new skill...which all takes place in the Dip...

- 1. Unconsciously unskilled – we don't know that we don't have this skill, or that we need to learn it.**
  - 2. Consciously unskilled – we know that we don't have this skill.**
  - 3. Consciously skilled– we know that we have this skill.**
  - 4. Unconsciously skilled – we don't know that we have this skill (it just seems easy).**
- **We see these processes worked out in the Israelites..just as they work out in our lives if we stay faithful**

**We pick up the end result 40 years later as recorded by Moses in Deut 1...Caleb would not only enter the land, he would still be walking by faith in God even in his old age. but he had gained 40 years of wisdom and experience.....He pressed into the long dip.... Spies Sent Out**

**Moses recounting the events 40 years later**

*Deut 1:19 Then, as the LORD our God commanded us, we set out from Horeb and went toward the hill country of the Amorites through all that vast and dreadful wilderness that you have seen, and so we reached Kadesh Barnea. <sup>20</sup> Then I said to you, “You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. <sup>21</sup> See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” <sup>22</sup> Then all of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to.” <sup>23</sup> The idea seemed good to me; so I selected twelve of you, one man from each tribe.*

- **They seemed brave and skilled and thought they were ...all of them came asking to have the best route scouted out to take... At the beginning of the process, they were confident but they did not know how unskilled they were**

- but in reality they were **Unconsciously unskilled and incompetent– we don't know that we don't have this skill, or that we need to learn it.** all excited to go into the land
- **Until they discovered the difficulty, which to them seemed insurmountable..**

*Deut 1:<sup>26</sup> But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. <sup>27</sup> You grumbled in your tents and said, “The LORD hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. <sup>28</sup> Where can we go? Our brothers have made our hearts melt in fear. They say, ‘The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.’”*

- hearing the NEWS AND THE NEGATIVE REPORT, **they panicked .. because** discovered something about themselves ...that they did not know previously
- **they were into phase two of the learning process: they were Consciously unskilled – we know that we don't have this skill.**
- And this knowledge freaked them out and their confidence turned to panick
- This level can be demoralizing, causing people to lose **confidence** or even give up on their learning efforts altogether. Therefore, it's important to stay **positive** at this stage.
- **To successfully move out of level 1, use the SWOT Analysis to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and to understand which skills you need to learn.**
- Then ask other people for their input, so that you can uncover weaknesses and skill needs that you might otherwise miss....they would have realized **that others are much more competent than you are, and that they can easily do things that you are struggling with. in this case...God Moses, Caleb, Joshua**
- Be teachable..Exactly what Moses attempted to do

*<sup>29</sup> Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. <sup>30</sup> The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, <sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”*

- **Moses encouraged them .... He was sensitive at this early stage, to give plenty of positive feedback to keep people's motivation high.**
- **And instructed them in what they needed to grow in... it was Faith... and encourage them that they could succeed...and why they could succeed..**
- **to no avail.. so they remained stuck...in the Dip and did not move through it!**

*Deut 1:32 In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, <sup>33</sup> who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go. <sup>34</sup> When the LORD heard what you said, he was angry and solemnly swore: <sup>35</sup> “No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors,*

- **the rebuke did not cause repentance...turning from their thoughts of trusting God but themselves and their assessments.....and to again not be teachable...**

- **Moses recounts**

*Deut 1:41 Then you replied, “We have sinned against the LORD. We will go up and fight, as the LORD our God commanded us.” So every one of you put on his weapons, thinking it easy to go up into the hill country.<sup>42</sup> But the LORD said to me, “Tell them, ‘Do not go up and fight, because I will not be with you. You will be defeated by your enemies.’”*

- **and they became arrogant which sums up process on...unconsciously incompetent...check out all the you's and yours**

*<sup>43</sup> So I told you, but you would not listen. You rebelled against the LORD’s command and in your arrogance you marched up into the hill country. <sup>44</sup> The Amorites who lived in those hills came out against you; they chased you like a swarm of bees and beat you down from Seir all the way to Hormah. <sup>45</sup> You came back and wept before the LORD, but he paid no attention to your weeping and turned a deaf ear to you. <sup>46</sup> And so you stayed in Kadesh many days—all the time you spent there.*

- **This level can be demoralizing, causing people to lose confidence or even give up on their learning efforts altogether. Therefore, it's important to stay positive at this stage...God was still with them...the fire and the cloud were still there**
- **Use tools like scripture to combat negative thinking and stay focused on the big picture on days when you feel down. Remember,**
- **learning at this stage might be uncomfortable in the short term, but these skills taught will help you reach your goals and build a better life**
- **which takes us to Three...Consciously skilled which Caleb was...**

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either. <sup>38</sup> But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. <sup>39</sup> And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it.

- **He was Consciously skilled– we know that we have this skill. Caleb was competent in Faith and grew in ability to lead the next generation...**
- **At this level, you know that you have acquired the skills and knowledge you need. You put your learning into practice regularly, and you gain even more confidence as you use your new skills.**
- *You still need to concentrate when you perform these activities, but, as you get more practice and experience, these activities become increasingly automatic.*
- To move successfully through Level 3, look for opportunities to use your skills as often as you can. Caleb influenced his descendents and peers..and relatives...and as a result everyone was blessed by him
- For example, you could volunteer for projects that require your new skills, or **craft your job** to use these skills more often in your current role.
- **\*\*\*\*\*bear in mind that you may go backwards down the Phases if you don't use your new skills regularly.**
- look at verse 37...<sup>37</sup> *Because of you the LORD became angry with me also and said, “You shall not enter it, either.*
- Moses was not allowed to enter...for he disobeyed God in front of the people...instead of speaking to the rock for water as God commanded he struck it twice in front of the people...Numbers 20.

### **and 45 years Caleb is now enters the phase of Unconsciously Skilled**

- **At this level, you use your new skills effortlessly, and you perform tasks without conscious effort. You are completely confident of success.**
- **Once you master one set of skills, it's important to learn more if you want to continue to grow.**
- **A good way to do this is to teach these new skills to others in your organization. This will keep information fresh in your mind, deepen your understanding of the material, and give you a rewarding way to pass this knowledge on to others.**

- **Caleb would not only enter the land, he would still be strengthened by faith in God even in his old age. ...He pressed into the long dip....and was greatly rewarded...as recorded in his conversation with Joshua...**

*JOS 14:10 "Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. <sup>12</sup> Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."*

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## Figure 1 – The Conscious Competence Ladder

### Uses

The Conscious Competence Ladder is useful in several ways.

First, you can use it to understand the emotions you'll experience during the learning process. This helps you stay motivated when times get tough; and it helps you manage your expectations of success, so that you don't try to achieve too much, too soon.

For example, during the consciously unskilled phase, you can reassure yourself that, while learning this skill is difficult and frustrating right now, things will improve in the future. And, when you're unconsciously skilled, the model reminds you to value the skills that you've gained, and not to be too impatient with people who have yet to gain them.

It's also useful in coaching and training situations, because it allows you to be in touch with what your people are thinking and feeling. You can then help them understand their emotions as they learn new skills, and encourage them when they're feeling disillusioned.

### Tip:

Some people prefer to think of this as a matrix, with incompetence/competence on the horizontal axis and unconscious/conscious on the vertical axis. Use the representation that works best for you.

## Applying the Model

Let's look at each level in more detail, and highlight strategies that you can use to move yourself through each stage successfully, as you learn a new skill.

### Level 1 – Unconsciously Unskilled

At this level, you are blissfully ignorant: you have a complete lack of knowledge and skills in a specific area, and you're unaware of this. Your confidence therefore far exceeds your abilities.



To move out of level 1, use tools like **Personal SWOT Analysis** and a **Training Needs Assessment** to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and to understand which skills you need to learn. As part of this, ask other people for their input, so that you can uncover weaknesses and skill needs that you might otherwise miss.

Also, make sure that you understand your learning objectives – there's no point learning skills in areas that don't align with your personal or work **goals**.

## Level 2 – Consciously Unskilled

By this stage, you've discovered that you need to learn new skills. You realize that others are much more competent than you are, and that they can easily do things that you are struggling with.

This level can be demoralizing, causing people to lose **confidence** or even give up on their learning efforts altogether. Therefore, it's important to stay **positive** at this stage.

Use tools like **affirmations** and **Treasure Maps** to combat negative thinking and to refocus your energy on days when you feel down. Remember, learning might be uncomfortable in the short term, but these skills will help you reach your goals and build a better life.

## Level 3 – Consciously Skilled

At this level, you know that you have acquired the skills and knowledge you need. You put your learning into practice regularly, and you gain even more confidence as you use your new skills.

You still need to concentrate when you perform these activities, but, as you get more practice and experience, these activities become increasingly automatic.

To move successfully through Level 3, look for opportunities to use your skills as often as you can. For example, you could volunteer for projects that require your new skills, or **craft your job** to use these skills more often in your current role.

## Level 4 – Unconsciously Skilled

At this level, you use your new skills effortlessly, and you perform tasks without conscious effort. You are completely confident of success.

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A good way to do this is to teach these new skills to others in your organization. This will keep information fresh in your mind, deepen your understanding of the material, and give you a rewarding way to pass this knowledge on to others.

Also, bear in mind that you may go backwards down the ladder if you don't use your new skills regularly.

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## Coaching With the Conscious Competence Ladder

You can also use the Conscious Competence Ladder when you're guiding people through the learning process. Let's look at strategies that you can use with people at each stage:

### Level 1 – Unconsciously Unskilled

At the beginning of the process, people may not know how unskilled they are, so you'll need to make them aware of how much they need to learn. You'll also need to explain why they need to learn these skills.

Be sensitive at this early stage, and give plenty of **positive feedback** 🌟 to keep people's motivation high.

### Level 2 – Consciously Unskilled

During this stage, provide plenty of encouragement and support, and explain the idea of the Conscious Competence Ladder, so that people understand any feelings of discouragement that they are experiencing.

Also, help them improve their **self-confidence** 🌟, if required.

### Level 3 – Consciously Skilled

At this stage, keep people focused on the skills that they need to learn, and give them plenty of opportunities to practice these skills.

For example, you could assign them projects that use their new skills, or set them relevant training exercises.

## Level 4 – Unconsciously Skilled

At this level, you'll need to make sure that people avoid complacency, and that they stay up-to-date with their skills.

You may also need to remind people how difficult it was to reach this level, so that they are kind to people who are at an earlier stage in the process.

## Key Points

Noel Burch, an employee with Gordon Training International, developed the Conscious Competence Ladder in the 1970s. You can use it to manage your emotions during a potentially challenging learning process.

The model has four learning levels:

1. Unconsciously unskilled.
2. Consciously unskilled.
3. Consciously skilled.
4. Unconsciously skilled.

The model can be a useful guide for your own learning, but you can also use it when you are coaching others, to guide them through the emotional ups and downs of acquiring new skills.

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<sup>41</sup> Then you replied, “We have sinned against the LORD. We will go up and fight, as the LORD our God commanded us.” So every one of you put on his weapons, thinking it easy to go up into the hill country.

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Deut 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

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*JOS 14: 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. **And I brought him back a report according to my convictions,** <sup>8</sup> but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. <sup>9</sup> So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.'*

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**This is what Caleb did...HE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF HIS GOALS...WHEN HE WAS 38 UNTIL HE WAS 85...HE PURSUED WHAT HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT!**

**Will we pursue what we are passionate about?**

**How do you know what you are passionate about...simple what makes you angry?**

- 1. I am livid about what addiction does to people... I want people to know their value...**

2. I am hate the destruction of the family...and seeing hurting children...
3. I hate how people are so disconnected from God themselves and eachother...
4. I hate how marriages are crumbling...
5. I despise the devil and all his work...

➤ **We must Press in when the dip happens...press into into our own areas of fear and reluctance and disobedience..**

➤ **quit those things that hinder attaining the goals We must Persevere...**

*RO 8:37* No, in all these things we are more than *conquerors* through him who loved us.

- you are greater than a conqueror???
- **What is greater than a conqueror? A possessor! You were made to be a A Conqueror who Possesses~~and Blesses end**
- **if your in the DIP dig In!**

*PH 3:20* Now to him who is able to do immeasurably *more than* all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

- **It is his power working in us and for us ...which will accomplish all His will toward us!!**
- **Practice Believing this until you become it, by knowing it experientally!!**

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- **Joshua and Caleb brought back this assessment**

*NU 13:21 So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. <sup>22</sup> They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> When they reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. <sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.*

*NU 13:26 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. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> 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."*

*NU 13:30 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."*

*NU 13:31 **But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."** <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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."***

- **They all came back with this negative report except Caleb.. The SWOT is used to assess what is needed to accomplish a goal...**

- S... strength W... weakness ...O..opportunity...T...Threat
- The SWOT ASSESSMENT OF THE LAND
  - The Strength of the Land is exceptional...the grapes...very productive
  - Weaknesses... we are grasshoppers...they have none...quit
  - The opportunity...there is none...quit
  - The Threats of the land...overwhelming...they were giants and we were grasshoppers...they would think so...and we think so...quit

ALL TWELVE followed the Lord's calling out from Egypt, but 10 did not follow Him into the land.... they quit...before they receive the blessing

### so the question

- Many Christians repeat this same error today. They have followed the Lord as He led them out of the spiritual death of sin and guilt. They are "out of Egypt." They are forgiven of their sins. They have new life in Christ.
- However, they do not follow the Lord on "into the land." They do not follow by faith into abundance of life. They do not follow the Lord in humble dependence for transformation, for fruitfulness, for a life of spiritual victory.

**One problem We don't think highly enough of our selves!!! As the Lord would have us!!!**

*RO 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*

- Do you know what that means?? Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought?
- It means you should think HIGHLY of yourself as you ought ? but not higher than that...
- You should think of yourself with sober judgment...sober means clear minded..
- and with the measure of Faith God has given you!!! how full is your faith in God...He said even if it is a mustard seed size...you can move mountains!!
- You know what that means??

**What Has God said about you and given you??? And do you believe it??**

**So these 10 leaders passed on that negative and ungodly word to the people! to quit!**

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**Be Careful who you listen too! and definitely be able to Minister to yourself the truth!!!**

- **The Problem.... They were willing to give up following the Lord ...and their freedom!**
  - they were willing to give up what they already possessed...they would quit to early thereby making their journey up to this point which was a success turning it into a failure!!
  - They looked to their resources instead of the resources of God...
  - God will never send you where he will not resource you!!
- **They still identified as victims rather than conquerors...**
- **You will never take territory even that which God has promised until you believe he can do and accomplish what he says...**

***Then Moses and Aaron cry out...this is not the time to quit!! this is the time to lean into God!!***

*NU 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

- **They were pleaded with to trust in God ...who was pleased to give it to them...**
- **To not be afraid and seize the opportunity...**
- **Faith pleases God!!**

*NU 14:10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them....*

**2. The people were about to kill them...But God intervenes**

*....Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."*

- **The Lord said I am going to do what I say...and I will let these people perish as they say... and that generation perished in the Desert as they desired...and I will give you a new people and a stronger nation...that was the younger generation...and they believed enough to enter 38 years later...**
- **Before we beat them up to much about their lack of faith to possess what God has for them.....think about this...they were given a relatively small chunk of**



earth...and they were petrified with fear...to go and receive the territory..they would not go and they therefore they would not receive..

- Caleb would not only enter the land, he would still be strengthened by faith in God even in his old age. ...He pressed into the long dip....

*JOS 14: 7 I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions,<sup>8</sup> but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.<sup>9</sup> So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.'*

*JOS 14:10 "Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!<sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.<sup>12</sup> Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."*

- The first territory you are to possess is you!!!
- You must explore it!!
- You must come against your own self destructive thoughts and beliefs to enter into the territory God has for you!!
- You must possess the territory in your life right now to enter into other territory!!

**How do you possess your own territory?? The circle! We need to do a SWOT on ourselves...check out our own territory ...**

**What are your Strengths...YOU HAVE GOD YOU HAVE ALL HE HAS FOR YOU**

**What are your Weaknesses...YOU!**

**What are your Opportunities...WHAT ARE YOUR LONG TERM GOALS?**

**What are your Threats...YOU, THE ENEMY, BAD INFLEUENCES...**

**This is what Caleb did...HE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF HIS GOALS...WHEN HE WAS 38 UNTIL HE WAS 85...HE PURSUED WHAT HE WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT!**

**Will we pursue what we are passionate about?**

**How do you know what you are passionate about...simple what makes you angry?**

6. I am livid about what addiction does to people... **I want people to know their value...**
7. I am hate the destruction of the family...and seeing hurting children...
8. I hate how people are so disconnected from God themselves and eachother...
9. I hate how marriages are crumbling...
10. I despise the devil and all his work...

➤ **We must Press in when the dip happens...press into into our own areas of fear and reluctance and disobedience..**

➤ **quit those things that hinder attaining the goals We must Persevere...**

*RO 8:37* No, in all these things we are more than **conquerors** through him who loved us.

- you are greater than a conqueror???
- **What is greater than a conqueror? A possessor! You were made to be a A Conqueror who Possesses~~and Blesses end**
- **if your in the DIP dig In!**

*PH 3:20* Now to him who is able to do immeasurably **more than** all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

- **It is his power working in us and for us ...which will accomplish all His will toward us!!**
- **Practice Believing this until you become it, by knowing it experientially!!**

The congregation believed the ten. [They] bade stone [Caleb and Joshua] with stones (Num. 14:10). They abandoned their faith in the Almighty's promise. They cried all night.

There is a mentality which says, "Blame it on the leader." The people decided to depose Moses and set up another leader who would take them back to Egypt.

### **Faith Requires Action**

In Numbers 14:6-9, we read that Caleb and Joshua "rent their clothes." They urged the people, "Do not rebel against the LORD. Do not be afraid of the people of the land. We will swallow them up. The LORD is with us."

Nor did Caleb's boundless faith deter him from exerting his physical prowess when waging war against Jehovah's enemies.

"What doth it profit . . . though a man say he have faith, and have not works? . . . As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith, without works is dead also" (Jas. 2:14,26).

### **Caleb's Reward**

God said, "No one who has treated me with contempt will see [the Promised Land]. But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me whole-heartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it" (Num. 14: 23,24).

The ten explorers whose report caused Israel to grumble against Moses' leadership—these ten were struck down and died of a plague. Only Caleb and Joshua survived (Num. 14:36-33).

The principle was later expressed, "The just shall live by faith . . . if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him" (Heb. 10:38).

"Without faith it is impossible to please [God]...he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

"And Joshua blessed Caleb, and gave him Hebron for his inheritance" (Josh. 14:13).

### **The Strengths of Caleb**

At the age of 85, Caleb was still a strong soldier. He drove out the Anakim from Hebron. (Josh. 14:6-15; 15:14) He then attacked Debir, southwest of Hebron. This conquest was a difficult challenge, so Caleb offered his daughter Achsah in marriage to the valiant warrior who would obtain the victory. Othniel won Achsah and a southland and upper springs and nether springs. (Josh. 15:15-19)

Caleb lived a life of discipline and self-control. He never permitted himself to become soft. He maintained his assurance in the presence and power of Yahweh; this perspective prevented him from frittering away his physical well-being through tension and stress. The sterling faith which characterized his life remains a beacon light, shining for the encouragement of all lovers of God forever.

*Caleb, Son of Jephone, The Cenezite.* -- The representative of the tribe of Juda among the spies sent from Cades to explore [Chanaan](#). On their return he and [Josue](#) combated the exaggerated reports of the other spies and endeavored to reassure the people, but without success, and in the mutiny which broke out they nearly fell victims to the popular fury. In reward for thier conduct they were exempted from the [decree](#) condemning the adult population to die in the [desert](#) ([Numbers 13:14](#); [Deuteronomy 1:19-36](#)). Caleb was appointed one of the commissioners to divide the Promised Land among the tribes ([Numbers 34:19](#)). On the strength of the Divine promise made to him at Cades at the time of the mutiny ([Numbers 14:24](#)), he asked and obtained as his portion the district of [Hebron](#) ([Joshua 14:6 sq.](#)); the city itself was, however, assigned to the [priests](#) ([Joshua 21:11-13](#)). Though he was then in his eighty-fifth year, he still possessed the full vigour of manhood, and took the field to conquer the territory allotted to him ([Joshua 14:7 sq.](#); [15:13 sq.](#)). We last hear of him in connection with the marriage of his daughter Axa to his brother Othoniel ([Joshua 15:16-19](#); [Judges 1:12-15](#)). It may be remarked that probably neither "brother" nor "daughter" is to be taken in the strict sense. Caleb is praised by the son of Sirach with the great men of [Israel](#) ([Sirach 46:9 sq.](#)), and Mathathias numbers him among the [Israelites](#) distinguished for their [zeal](#) and [faith](#) ([1 Maccabees 2:56](#)). Although a prominent figure in Hebrew history, Caleb seems not to have been an [Israelite](#) by birth, but to have become a member of the Chosen People by adoption into the Tribe of Juda. This is intimated by [Joshua 15:13](#), where Caleb is distinguished from the sons of Juda, by the designation Cenezite (*háqqenzi*), which is a gentilitial form, and by the absence of Cenez and Jephone from the genealogical lists of Juda in [1 Chronicles 2](#). A Cenez appears among the grandchildren of Esau ([Genesis 36:11, 15, 42](#)), and a tribe of Cenezites, no doubt descendants of this Cenez, is mentioned in [Genesis 15:19](#). Caleb probably was connected with this tribe. Admission to full tribal membership of strangers who embraced the Hebrew religion and customs was not foreign to Hebrew practice, and the [Edomites](#), children of Abraham and Isaac, would be readily received because of their racial affinity. (Cf. [Deuteronomy 23:7-8](#), where, however, admission is restricted to the third generation.)

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[Joshua 14:6-15](#) ESV / 60 helpful votes

Then the people of Judah came to Joshua at Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God in Kadesh-barnea concerning you and me. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old.

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[Numbers 14:24](#) ESV / 36 helpful votes

But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

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[Joshua 14:7-10](#) ESV / 29 helpful votes

I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. But my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt; yet I wholly followed the Lord my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance for you and your children forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, just as he said, these forty-five years since the time that the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old.

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**Numbers 32:11-13** ESV / 23 helpful votes

'Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not wholly followed me, none except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the Lord.' And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was gone.

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**Numbers 26:63-65** ESV / 21 helpful votes

These were those listed by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who listed the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. But among these there was not one of those listed by Moses and Aaron the priest, who had listed the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For the Lord had said of them, "They shall die in the wilderness." Not one of them was left, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

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**Joshua 15:13-16** ESV / 18 helpful votes

According to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the descendants of Anak. And he went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir. Now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher. And Caleb said, "Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and captures it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as wife."

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**Numbers 14:30** ESV / 16 helpful votes

Not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

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**Numbers 13:6** ESV / 15 helpful votes

From the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

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**Numbers 14:6-9** ESV / 14 helpful votes

And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them."

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**Numbers 13:26-30** ESV / 13 helpful votes

And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan." But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it."

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**Numbers 14:38** ESV / 12 helpful votes

Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive.

May we say like Caleb did.. *JOS 14:11 I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.*

*There is one big difference he is a lot smarter and Experienced!*

### ***Faithfulness is Not Optional***

When two people get married they expect one another to remain faithful. Faithfulness is a part of the marriage contract. So also with God. Faithfulness is not an option we choose. God expects us to be faithful to Him, and He seeks men and women who will live so as to consistently carry out His will. "And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind..."--1 Sam. 2:35

We show God our faithfulness by obeying Him. His heart becomes our heart; His mind our mind; His will our will. One cannot be faithful to God if they do what they please.

God actively looks for faithfulness in His servants. It is one of the qualities on which He judges His people. Jesus tried to help us understand God's great interest in our trustworthiness. "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."--Matt. 25:21

Everyone does not have the same opportunities. Nor do we all have the same abilities. But we all have something. We have the capacity to be faithful in our own condition (Matt. 25: 14-30).

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Faithfulness applies to any situation – big or small. God will not reward you for the position or worldly success you attain but He will reward your faithfulness to do what He has called you to do.

By practice over time we develop characteristics, we routinely behave as God would behave. Not because we should, or must, but because we choose to, we prefer to, because it is in our character to do so.

Faithfulness is one of those god-like traits. God is faithful, and we appreciate the effect His faithfulness has on us: we can rely upon Him. Because we appreciate reliability in others we begin trying to be more reliable ourselves. Reliability gradually becomes one of our characteristics. What was unrighteousness in us gradually becomes God's righteousness in us. It is this growth, or maturation, process that the New Testament elsewhere describes as our "new creature," our new way of thinking, living, and being god-like.

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Everyone does not have the same opportunities. Nor do we all have the same abilities. But we all have something. We have the capacity to be faithful in our own condition (Matt. 25:14-30). Yet all people do not prove trustworthy when tested. Jesus was reminding us of this very sobering fact.

The Lord's servants are stewards. They control things in their own lives which belong to God--which is everything in their life and person. One example of a stewardship God is specially interested in is the caring for and feeding of His people. This is not a judgment we have arbitrarily made. The Bible makes this judgment for us: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."--1 Cor. 4:1,2

## ***Examples of Faithfulness***

Think of the patriarch Joseph, son of Jacob. He obeyed God even when faithfulness brought him difficulties. He was sold as a slave while carrying out his father's orders (Gen. 37:13-29). He was thrown into prison because he was faithful to his master, Potiphar (Gen. 39:1-20). Joseph was always faithful to God, and in due time he was set down at the right hand of Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt.

Moses was "faithful in all [God's] house" (Num. 12:7). What does "all God's house" mean? It means that he obediently did all God asked of him. Moses was characteristically enthusiastic for God...thus quite different from the Israelites with him. They were enthusiastic one day, grumbling the next, and idolatrous soon after. Moses did not allow the people's attitude to deter his own obedience. He was an imperfect man like ourselves, and he, too, made his notable mistakes. Yet, he consistently did God's will the best he could.

You will recall that to others God often spoke in dreams and visions, but He did not do so to Moses. God spoke clearly to him, and He cites Moses' faithfulness as his reason for doing so (Num. 12:6-8). You and I can learn from that. If we obey, if we are faithful, that behavior enables us to hear God's voice more clearly. When our heavenly Father speaks, He expects and deserves obedience.

Daniel was faithful to God, but he had reasons of personal safety to disobey or "deny" God. He had been snatched from home, moved as a prisoner to Babylon, and enrolled in school in the king's court. But God's servant Daniel was unmoved. God honored and exalted him for that faithfulness. He was so faithful in his assignments that when enemies sought to overthrow him, they were unable to do so. Finally, they resorted to using Daniel's worship of God as a weapon against him (Dan. 6:1-5). From Daniel we learn that God honors faithfulness even in the most ungodly surroundings.

## ***We Learn Faithfulness***

Jesus Christ is the supreme example of faithfulness. He always did God's will and spoke God's words. He had only one desire, "...not my will, but thine, be done.--Luke 22:42

Jesus' obedience did not come naturally. This we are told in the Book of Hebrews. Even for Jesus, faithfulness was something to learn. "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered..."--Heb. 5:8

We, too, can learn faithfulness. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"--Luke 16:10-12

As we grow more faithful in one area of our life, that faithfulness can carry over into other areas. Faithfulness toward God begins with faithfulness toward family, faithfulness on our job, and faithfulness in financial dealings. We can't wait to show our faithfulness until someone trusts us with something big. We must be faithful now with whatever has already been entrusted to us.

Let us not be too quick to say or promise anything. God judges us when we make promises: will we do the thing that we have said? "...draw near to listen [in the house of God] rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools;... Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God...When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay."--Eccl. 5:1,2,4,5 NASB

## ***Obey God Promptly***

One aid to developing godly characteristics is to develop the habit of obeying God promptly. When we delay we are really only saying, "God, I want to have my will for a while. I'll obey you when I'm good and ready." But, of course, that isn't obedience at all!



We can start by obeying the revelation that we already have in the written Word of God. Ready obedience to God's Word will set us apart as one whom God can trust to carry out His will. "Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way [NASB margin, "a way of integrity",] he shall serve me."--Psa. 101:6

Strive to become a man or woman whom God can trust to carry out His instructions. Serve God now with all your heart in single-minded obedience. Do not wait for life's big challenges before learning faithfulness. Start now, with life's littlest details, and learn faithfulness so that you will be ready for greater tests to come.

Abide in Christ! Allow His words to dwell richly in you. Please God in your words and actions, rather than pleasing your own heart. If you do, you will fully manifest a godly and christlike character through the fruit of the spirit, which spirit dwelleth within us.--Rom. 8:11

End.....

**do you believe you would come to the conclusion that you are, now, a disciple and follower of Jesus? Not a fan, but a follower?"**

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**Faithfulness means to be dependable.** Psalm 15:4 describes someone who keeps their promises, even when it hurts. Being dependable is not always convenient, and sometimes hurts our flesh. A faithful person follows through on their commitments, even if it means personal sacrifice, before moving on to something else.

**When God is at work in a person, there are times you can actually tangibly feel him and the experience the changes taking place. there are times when you wonder am I moving forward at all?? and times when on the one hand things are going great while at the same time on the other hand life sucks....David like you and me has to realize even though he was experiencing tremendous trials and great victories... he has to learn the same things you and I do...**

**Had to learn Principle 1...that his life was not in the hands of enemies or events or circumstances but his life was in the hands of God.** And that God's goodness and love toward David overruled every plan devised against him, and every circumstance aligned against him... so the exercise of Patience, perseverance and overcoming evil by good is always the right choice, no matter my feelings or circumstances....

Just as it was true for David it is true for us....

God's Love and goodness overrules when sickness, unemployment, broken relationships, failure, and disappointment ---are gnawing at our lives, even then God is good. God will use everything for Good, including what the enemy intends for evil. For nothing can overrule his plans for us...

The Psalmist David writes:

*PS 28:7 The **LORD** is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for **joy** and I will give thanks to him in song.*

- *(Heart leaps because the Lord is his strength and shield)...there will be battles...we need his strength and protection*
- *And Joy comes as a result of knowing this ...not only intellectually but in our hearts...the core of our being..*
- **God chooses to build up His people through time and pressure....just like a diamond is formed through time and pressure..**
- **and he purifies us by fire just like gold...**
- **he even tells us this...**
- **so why are we surprised when it happens???**
- **Patience is necessary: Moses had to learn this lesson...God helping him to take over the land God promised the Israelites..**

*EX 23:27 "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. <sup>28</sup> I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. <sup>29</sup> But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. <sup>30</sup> **Little by little** I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.*

**\*\*\*Principle2 ...when God is doing a work in someone there is always time of preparation ...interposed with an opportunity that changes everything...**

- We pick up the narrative where David is carrying the still blood dripping head of Goliath in one hand and his massive sword in the other...and speaking with King Saul...
- it was the best day and choice ...David could have made, **it opened an amazing door** which as he stepped into it led to 10 years of grief and hard times ... mixed with wonderful exhilarating times... there were battles won and battles lost...

great friendships formed and great love found...and great friendships lost and love abandoned...times of confusion and frustration times of great joy and mighty victories...and ultimately seven years of running for his very life...

**So these 10 leaders passed on that negative and ungodly word to the people!**

*NU 14:1 That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Egypt, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! <sup>3</sup> 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?" <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."*

**Be Careful who you listen too! and definitely be able to Minister to yourself the truth!!!**

- **The Problem.... They were willing to give up following the Lord ...and their freedom!**
  - they were willing to give up what they already possessed...they would quit to early thereby making their journey up to this point which was a success turning it into a failure!!
  - **They looked to their resources instead of the resources of God...**
  - **God will never send you where he will not resource you!!**
- **They still identified as victims rather than conquerors...**
- **You will never take territory even that which God has promised until you believe he can do and accomplish what he says...**

***Then Moses and Aaron cry out...this is not the time to quit!! this is the time to lean into God!!***

*NU 13:26 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. <sup>27</sup> 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.* <sup>28</sup> *But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.* <sup>29</sup> *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."*

*NU 13:30* 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."

*NU 13:31* But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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."

- **They all came back with this report except Caleb.. The SWOT**
- **The Strength of the Land is exceptional...the grapes...very productive**
- **Their weaknesses...they have none...**
- **The opportunity...there is none...**
- **The Threats of the land...overwhelming...they were giants and we were grasshoppers...they would think so...and we think so...**
- **Caleb simply stood on the**
- **Strength of the land...it is good...**
- **The opportunity...God gave it to us... And Hungered for the Opportunity to take it...he was a warrior who relished the fight.**
- **OUR WEAKNESS...none we have God!**

**But the other ten...gave a bad report...they had a breakthrough but were unwilling to follow through...and ultimately died in the desert...never achieving what God had for them...**

**God's dream for them was much bigger than their dream for themselves...**

**And they as leaders passed on that negative and ungodly word to the people!**

*NU 14:1* That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Egypt, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!" <sup>3</sup> *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?"* <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." **Careful who you listen too! Minister to yourself!!**

- **The Problem....they still had no identity in the God who saved them from the Egyptians...**
- **They were willing to give up the territory ...their freedom!**
  - **Don't give up the territory you already possess...but to keep it you ,ust have the faith to do things you have not done before...Why?**

- They looked to their resources instead of the resources of God...
- God will never send you where he will not resource you!!
- They still identified as victims rather than conquerors...
- You will never take territory even that which God has promised until you believe he can...do and accomplish what he says...

*NU 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

- They were pleaded with to trust in God ...who was pleased to give it to them...
- To not be afraid and seize the opportunity...
- Faith pleases God!!

*NU 14:10 But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."*

- The Lord said I am going to do what I say...and I will let these people perish as they say... and that generation perished in the Desert as they desired...and I will give you a new people and a stronger nation...that was the younger generation...and they believed enough to enter 38 years later...
- Before we beat them up to much about their lack of faith to possess what God has for them.....think about this...they were given a relatively small chunk of earth...and they were petrified with fear...to go and take the territory..
- We have been given the world as our mandate... starting with the apostles and continuing on to change nations.....

*MT 28: <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Some of his apostles give a bad report on what he would have them do...they doubted...they are witnessing the resurrected Christ who has demonstrated power over the unconquerable death...and they still doubt they can do what he is asking them...
- Why? They are focusing on their resources...not the resources of the one who says he will be with them...

Do you really think Jesus can be with you and not have with him the resources necessary to accomplish the task? Really?

**Listen when Paul who explains our resources, as gifts to be used to set people free**

*1CO 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*

*<sup>1CO 12:7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

*<sup>1CO 12:12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and **we were all given the one Spirit to drink.***

- After he explains these gifts that are already possessed by God's people.. to be used by God's people...for the benefit of other people...to take territory...and free those in bondage...to mute idols...
- The first thing Paul says is not to do is despise ourselves... to be grasshoppers in our own eyes...
- **Why? Because that is what we will naturally do!!!!**

*<sup>1CO 12:14</sup> Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body.*

- The foot is not thankful for its ability to carry the body...no it despises itself for not being a hand! Something a foot would be lousy at...
- And the ear which can hear all things...despises itself because it is not an eye...

- **Just like in Caleb's time... we are grass hoppers in their sight...and in our own!!**
- **We get to practice these gifts and as we do...God shows through!!**
- **That is one reason for the church community we get to practice these things with one another...and get good at them...taking them then to the world..**