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**“How Big Is Your God?”**

Numbers 13:25-33

**Key Truth:** As a Christian your vision of yourself and your circumstances will either hinder you or propel you into God’s divine purpose for your life.

**Israel’s Fatal Decision:** Numbers 13:25-20, 14:1-4

1. They refused to see themselves the way God saw them.

2. They refused to take God at His word.

3. Israel didn’t experience all that God intended after their

 salvation from Egypt.

**How To Live Out God’s 20/20 Vision For Your Life:**

1. Believe God has a divine purpose for your life.

 A. God wants you to invade the culture and advance His

 Kingdom with His message of love, forgiveness,

 compassion and grace centered in the gospel of Jesus

 Christ.

2. Get a spiritual eye exam. Philippians 1:12

 A. You will never experience victory until you begin to see

 yourself and your circumstance through the lens of God’s

 divine power and sovereignty.

3. Stop believing and telling yourself lies.

4. Stop measuring your circumstances based on your strength

 and abilities.

 A. To receive the promises of God you will need to fight.

 1. You will need to conquer the enemy of self-sufficiency.

 2. You will need to conquer fear.

 3. You will need to ignore the naysayers.

 4. You will need to embrace a life of faith.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Tell your fears to take a back seat and let faith drive you into every promise God has declared over your life. Then you will be able to testify to God’s hand of blessing on your life.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Numbers 14:1-4: Do you tend to defer to the majority opinion and go along with the crowd? Or do you tend to speak up for what you want?

How does it work when the church is struggling to find and obey God’s will?

Read Philippians 4:10-20: How did Paul view his circumstances and how did He see God fulfilling His promise in his life?

2 Timothy 1:6-7: Is fear a sin? Why or why not? What is the relationship between trust and obedience?

How would truly believing “the Lord is with us” impact your willingness to obey in a situation you are facing today?

Read Judges 6:11-18: How did Gideon view himself? How did God view Gideon?

What kinds of fears keep people from obeying God today (either individually or as a group)?

What’s keeping you from obeying God? What action is He calling you to take? What reasons are you giving to justify your choice not to obey?

How can we distinguish between wise caution and faint-hearted disobedience? What will it take to obey even when afraid?