

Sunday, April 3, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: A Time to Trust - Numbers 13 and 14

Series: The Journey of Faith ... 10

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to BELIEVE in the WORD OF GOD with a divine mind of FAITH and not a head of DOUBT.

Introduction:

Last week's devotional was entitled,

"A Time to Plead" and the text was Exodus 33:1 – 28

1. Redemption by Power
 2. An Obstinate (Wearisome) People
 3. Rejecting Any Substitution
 4. Pleading
- ~ 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11, 13
- ~ No journey is without its OBSTACLES or FINISHING SPRINT; and no journey is without its VICTIMS.
- ~ Proper preparation is a KEY to a successful journey:
- ~ preparations aid us in dealing with obstacles
 - ~ gives us stamina for the finish
 - ~ helps to prevent injury

1. Victory Assured:

- ~ Numbers 13:2, *"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."*
- ~ God promised Israel the LAND. Genesis 12:1 – 3; Exodus 3:8; Exodus 33:1 – 33
- ~ God makes promises to BELIEVERS:
- ~ Good works; John 14:12, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."*
 - ~ Prayer Power; John 14:13 – 14, *"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."*
 - ~ Heavenly Home; John 14:3, *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."*

~ The Likeness of Christ Jesus; Romans 8:29 – 30, *"For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (30) And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and whose whom he justified he also glorified."*

~ Conquerors; Romans 8:31 – 39

2. Vision Becomes Snared:

- ~ Numbers 13:28 – 33
- ~ Ten spies gave an evil or BAD report. Why was it a bad report; did it misrepresent what they say?
- ~ It was a bad report because it lacked FAITH! Their report ignored:
 - ~ the PRESENCE of God with them
 - ~ the POWER of God for them
 - ~ the PROMISE of God to them

3. Joshua and Caleb Valiantly Trusting:

- ~ Numbers 13:30 and 14:6 – 10
- ~ Both men CONFESSED the Word God had spoken.
- ~ Both men DECLARED the TRUTH.

4. Victims of Fear:

- ~ Numbers 14:20 – 35
- ~ A FAITH response is a CHOICE!
- ~ Fear results in complaining and rebellion.
- ~ Fear always has a greater cost than FAITH.

5. Vain Attempt by Israel:

- ~ Acted out of unbelief. Numbers 14:41
- ~ They were unrepentant. Numbers 14:44
- ~ They acted in their own strength. Numbers 14:44
- ~ They suffered the consequences. Numbers 14:45

Conclusion:

James 1:22 – 25

Illustration:

Grace Chapel in Tucson