



L.E.A.D. TRAINING

LESSON 8 – A Different Spirit

Lesson Objective:

- The objective of this lesson is to discover the parallels of how the 12 spies faced their own giants and how we can learn from their mistakes when we face our own. We will learn what to do with decisions in our life that contain:
 - *an element of fear,*
 - *how YHWH promotes,*
 - *how a real leader leads through fear,*
 - *how Joshua got his name, and ultimately*
 - *how to have the “different spirit” that Caleb had.*

HEBREW WORD OF THE WEEK

Strong’s Hebrew #7972. Sheliach

Apostle, sent one; A shaliah performs an act of legal significance for the benefit of the sender, as opposed to him or herself.

READ

Numbers 13:1-3

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, everyone a leader among them." ³ So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel.

QUESTION:

- What was the instruction that YHWH gave to Moses and what does the text say God was going to do with the land for the children of Israel?

ANSWER:

- Send out 12 men to spy out the land.
- To give it to them.

QUESTION:

- Why do you think God told them to go spy out the land if He was going to give it to them anyway?
- *Take time to discuss various reasons.*

PROVE BEFORE PROMOTION

Let's take a look at some scriptures that can give us some insights on what patience is all about and the importance it carries for the individual believer.

Judges 2:21

I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, 22 so that through them I may test (nasa - to lift up, prove) Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not."

Deuteronomy 8:2

And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test (nasa-to lift up, prove) you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

YHWH always proves before He promotes. In this case, like all cases, He needed to know if the ones leading Israel would lead them into greater faith or greater failure. He had invested too much to this point to lose all of Israel to the enemy across that river. For their lack of faith would cause them only defeat, as the LORD is only with those that believe.

**True leadership does not focus on the problem.
It only seeks a solution.**



**True leadership does not know fear.
It only knows faith.**

Fear and anxiety always present us with a crisis of belief. And that crisis of belief **IS** our test. Will we live by *sight* or by *faith*?

Proverbs 3:5

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

QUESTION

Have you ever been faced with a situation where you had to make a decision about something and there was fear involved? How did you handle the situation? Did you make the right decision? Did you find that fear clouds the situation and makes it difficult to discern exactly what to do?

READ

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

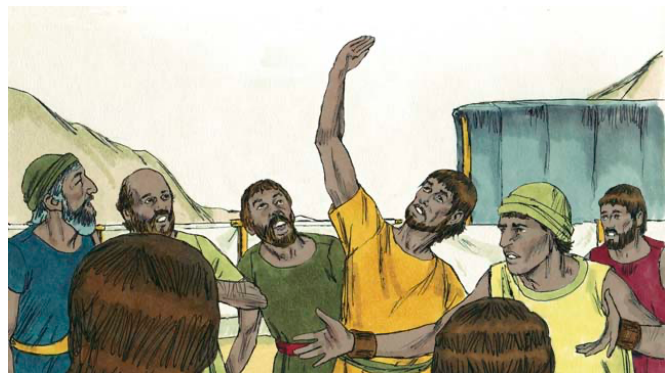
THE SPIES ARE SENT

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Numbers 13:16

¹⁶ These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

NOTE: The name *Hosea* **הוֹשֵׁעַ** means “salvation.” Moses changed Hosea’s name by adding the letter yod (meaning hand) to the front of it ~ **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ**. This, in effect, added the *short name* of Yah to it, making his new name mean “**Yahweh is salvation.**” The emphasis had been on Hosea being salvation, however, now the focus would be on Yahweh being the salvation through him. The “**hand**” of God would be his salvation.



READ

Numbers 13:17-22

¹⁷ Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, ¹⁸ and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; ¹⁹ whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; ²⁰ whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes (our June). ²¹ So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. ²² And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

There Are Giants In The Land

QUESTION

- Why are they told to look at every detail of the land and to report on it if God is just going to give it to them?

ANSWER

- *God likes to partner with us.* Like a good parent, He doesn't want to do it all for us. He wants relationship, which means we need to be a part of the process.

QUESTION

- Have you ever had a struggle in your life that you weren't sure how you were going to overcome? What is the giant in your land? What character flaw do you have that is preventing you from conquering fully all that He has for you?

ANSWER

- Just as the Israelites were told to look at **THEIR** land diligently so they could create the proper strategy to take it back, so the Father wants us to look into our *own* lives and allow Him to partner with us to help us overcome our own giants. This might mean reading books or articles concerning our own giants and then putting into action new strategies to remove them from our land.

THE NEGATIVE REPORT

What you look at is what you see!

READ

Numbers 13:27-28

²⁷ Then they told him and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸ Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

READ

Numbers 13:30-33

³⁰ Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." ³² And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³ There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."



Why is it that we always see the negative in everyone and in everything before we see the good?

And why don't we have enough belief in people or in our God to see past the negative into the possibilities? After all, aren't all things possible with God?

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Numbers 14:24

²⁴ But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

QUESTION

What was the different spirit that Caleb had?

ANSWER

It was the *pneumatikos* spirit. It was the “air-driven” spirit. Caleb had faith. He chose to believe that God was bigger than any obstacle that was before them. He was led by the spirit and not by sight. He saw the possibilities and not the pitfalls. It was this kind of *faith-based optimism* that was the cause of his promotion.

QUESTION

On a scale of 1-10, when you are faced with a situation that carries fear with it, how optimistic are you that things will work out and you will overcome by His Spirit?

TAKE AWAYS

- When the Word gives us a promise, we need to believe it unfailingly and without doubt.
 - We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14),
 - He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5),
 - That He is coming back soon (Revelation 22:20),
 - That all things work together for those who love the Lord (Romans 8:28), etc...
- All promotion comes *after* proving, after a test. Just like children cannot go to the next grade without passing the final exam, so we must pass our tests as well. All tests are designed “to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

- We do not make decisions in an atmosphere of fear.
- We need to “*look into*” (spy) our own land and discover what are the giants in our land. Then we need to start researching on how to get rid of them and to believe that they are already destroyed because you *know* who is with you.
- We need to seek to have a “*different spirit*” than the rest of the world, and even the rest of the religious community.

Blessings and shalom!

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