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if you've ever wanted to know exactly how god test his people proves his people what kind of final exam does he

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give before promotion this week's torah portion will teach us all about that it's called sherlock the sent one the

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predecessor to the apostles coming up right now after this

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things around here okay let's dive into the scriptures turn with me to numbers

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chapter 13 and uh we're going to really kind of unpack this story of the 12

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tribes end up with the uh the ultimate theme of this uh

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this teaching i called it it's time for a different spirit so it's time for a different spirit my friends i believe

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that with all my heart soul and strength let's see what the ruach has to say let's see what the spirit has to say say

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let's turn this over to the scriptures here numbers chapter 13 you can follow along

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with me it says and the lord spoke to mooses saying send me

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excuse me send men to spy out the land of canaan which i am giving to the children of israel from each tribe of

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their fathers you shall send a man every one a leader among them now one of the

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things that i want to point out here right off the bat when we're dealing with numbers chapter 13 is i want to

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point out the central focus that god gives from the very beginning it says

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right here in the scriptures it says which i am giving so right here you can

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see let me highlight it for you which i'm giving to you so yahweh is going to

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be giving he says right off the bat i'm going to give you this lamb and then he says he's going to send the

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children of israel into the land and he wants to test out the children now they don't know that

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they're being tested so i want to ask you a question why on earth would god

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tell his people to go into the land of canaan if he said he's just flat out going to give it to them from the very

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beginning so we have to go to a couple other scriptures that where god does this before so that we can begin to see

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exactly what his motivation is so turn with me to judges chapter 2

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verse 21. so let's do that real quick i'll do it for you judges what i say

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judges 2 judges 2 21 okay so judges 2. we'll go down to verse 21

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and then we will pull this over so you can see it all right so here's what it says 2 21

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it says i also will no longer drive out before any of the nations which joshua

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left when he died so that through them i may test israel whether they will keep the ways of the

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lord to walk in them as their fathers kept them or not and so we see right off the bat that

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one of the things the father loves to do before he gives any kind of promotion is he's going to prove you he's going to

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prove whether or not what is in your heart and specifically the scripture says it says i'm going to leave the

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enemies there some of the enemies not all of them but i'm going to leave some of these enemies there to test israel to

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see whether they will keep the ways of the lord or not will they walk uh in them or they will walk uh in in their

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own ways in their own statutes their own traditions their own doctrines of men god is going to test the heart of the

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individual let's look at one more go to deuteronomy chapter eight

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where is that at here let's go to deuteronomy chapter eight and we're gonna start right here in

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verse two so let me pull this up it says in verse two right here

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let's start in one every commandment which i command you today must be careful to observe that you may live and

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multiply and go in and possess the land of which the lord swore to your fathers and you shall remember that the lord

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your god led you all the way these 40 years in the wilderness to humble you

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and to test you now look at this to know what's in

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your heart whether or not you would keep his commandments or not

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this is really the ultimate motivation of what yahweh is doing

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with his people constantly he's wanting to know what's in our

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heart now you might say well wait a minute i thought god knows everything he knows the beginning from the end he

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knows allah from the tav a from z

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alpha the omega right how could he possibly not know what's in your heart he knows what's in your heart but he

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gives us the opportunity to prove whether or not we can change it did you

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know that you can change what's in your heart the stars are not written of what you're going to do you get to rewrite

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the stars if you will exactly how you want them written

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based on the decisions and the choices that you make in your life your life decisions will determine your

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future says the lord and that's why he says before i'm going to promote you i'm

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going to test and see what's in your heart so have you ever considered that every single thing that's happening in your life is simply a test to see what's

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in your heart because god wants to prove you every bad person that's in your way

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every spouse that's unruly and unreasonable every child that that

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doesn't follow god exactly the way he's supposed to an employer a guy that cuts you off on the road whatever the

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situation may be that creates frustration according to how we see the father operating this helps us

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understand how he thinks everything that happens to you

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happens to you as a test you have to look at life like that if you don't look at life as a

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constant exam then you'll constantly be frustrated you know when you're in the final exam in

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school i don't know about you but it it was very frustrating all the time but i knew it was a final exam so i prepared

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for the final exam i i researched all of the categories of the exam i memorized

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what i needed to memorize and i was still frustrated when i took the final exam but knowing that i'm going to be

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graded on it allowed me to prepare for it ahead of time

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can i just speak into your life today how many times do we not prepare for life like we should we

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don't prepare for the next argument with our spouse we don't do the research or the homework to go okay how do i operate

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with someone who operates in anger or who's an alcoholic or or what have you

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you don't know what your trigger sometimes when me and cheryl sit down you know there's triggers that we can do

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if you're married you know your partner's uh trigger language you know that little spot right there in between

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rib number five and rib number six that will set them off right but if you don't prepare

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of what are you gonna do ahead of time if this happens if a happens how are you

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going to react because that is the test in that moment when that finger gets right in between those two ribs you

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cannot blame that on your spouse you cannot blame that on your on your on your children or whatever the

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frustrating situation might be because you didn't prepare ahead of time of how are you going to react uh god is

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constantly promoting and demoting and so if we don't understand how he operates then we

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will just end up floating in and out of life's blessings and curses and that

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quite frankly leaves us with a a lukewarm very uh compromising and frustrating miserable life that most

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people live within because they're not looking at life from god's perspective we are a child he

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is constantly trying to grow us increase us bless us and that means he's

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constantly testing us or better letting the enemy test us so to prove that you are who you say

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that you are if you claim to be a child of the living god then quite frankly we need to act like it and we do have that

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power available to us okay all right he always proves before he

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promotes you know there's a a a quote that i love um that i wrote down

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for our lead program that i teach every other monday to family leaders and it goes like this true leadership

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does not focus on the problem it only seeks a solution

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true leadership only seeks a solution you know most people focus so much on the problems in

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in front of them that they never seem to look at the solution now how does this relate to this week's torah portion look

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we got the the 10 the 12 tribes the 12 spies going into israel going into what

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will be israel uh into the land of canaan the promised land they're 11 days from kanesh bardenia they just came out

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of the exodus they're totally stoked excited they get to the jordan river god sends them across says i'm going to give

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you the land they go in there they see the giants and they come back and go there's no way that we can do this 10 of

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them come back and say that the giants are just too big we're like grasshoppers in their sight

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those were supposed to be ladies and gentlemen the leaders of the leaders these were the 12

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top leaders of the 12 tribes of israel and 10 of them literally only saw the problem

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after being scared out of their mind of seeing the greatest uh miracles and and

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crazy stuff on planet earth coming out of out of the of the the ten plagues of egypt and then seeing god at the top of

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the mountain and all the amazing things and the voice that they literally let these 30-foot small giants

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and i say that purposely because they're small to the creator they're nothing but they saw only

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their perspective their their stature versus the stature of the

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enemy my friends this is akin to proverbs 3 5 and 6. let's just go there can we go

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there real quick some of you don't know it most of you do but i think it's important that we show scriptures like this so that you can see the truth of

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how much we don't truly follow god uh in in his in his mindset it says right here in

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verse 5 it says trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own

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understanding in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path trust in the lord and all your heart and

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it says do not lean on your own understanding how many times my friends do we operate in this way where we're

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just like the ten spies you know we look back and make fun of the ten spy say how could they be so dumb i mean god is so

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great and the giants are nothing but we do the same thing today one small thing happens in our life and we operate in

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the flesh we operate with our own understanding when we get to the section of caleb being of a different spirit

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we're going to talk about that but part of that different spirit is not operating in the carnal flesh of  
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understanding and i want to call something out right now that's in this movement is that  
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everyone wants to understand everything so if they can't understand the scripture if they can't  
find a  
12:05  
particular thing in the scripture the way they want to find it it doesn't exist in their mindset  
because they  
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operate even with the scriptures in their own understanding as if god is  
12:16  
limited by his scripture did you know that the word of god itself transcends  
12:23  
the actual physical black and white and red text that we receive that we call the canon or the  
bible or the word of  
12:29  
god did you know that god is bigger than his own written word did you know that the written  
word is just a capsule  
12:36  
it is like a pill a vitamin pill that you swallow that comes from a larger  
12:42  
bottle that comes from a larger bag of ingredients from a factory that  
12:48  
ultimately comes from some field where those herbs are drawn  
12:53  
from and harvested we are we are receiving the smallest  
12:59  
portion of the actual davar word of god the rhema word of god  
13:05  
yeshua in the flesh is just a drop of the medicine of all that yahweh is  
13:13  
and when we focus so much on the minutia of the details  
13:18  
that are found in the word of god and look i'm not saying that we shouldn't uh dissect it we  
shouldn't uh sometimes  
13:26  
parse it out and really zoom in we should that is i mean that's how i study the word of god but  
ultimately you must  
13:32  
take it with the with the with the idea that it's much larger than anything that you find  
13:39  
and this is why uh caleb and joshua had a different spirit and we'll bring this concept back  
13:46  
up a little bit later there was ten that looked only with what they could see with their eyes and  
there were two

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that saw something different okay second uh quote that i want to i want to give you here quickly let me uh

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bring this over here so so you can see this is

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is this it says true leadership does not know

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fear it only knows faith and so we have

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leadership that uh that does not focus on the problem it focuses on the solution and then also leadership that

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only knows faith wouldn't it be amazing if every leader operated in faith and

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not in fear you know how many church splits have happened and it's literally been out of fear it's been out of

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speculation presumption uh slanderous accusations because people

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are afraid of losing power they're afraid of losing reputation they're

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afraid of not being in control of their life most of us live in a place

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where we have control and we're okay as long as we feel like we have control of

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our lives but god has not put us in a place where we're to have control the father has put us in a place where we

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are to make sure that we live in his control all right so let's continue

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and uh and see what else that we can pull from from this perspective let me ask you this have you ever been faced

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with a situation where you have to make a decision about something where fear is involved

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how did you handle that situation uh did you did you give in to that fear or and

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make decisions based on that or did you pull back and remind yourself what second timothy 1 7 says for god has not

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given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power love and a sound mind let me say that

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again god has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power love and a sound mind what is uh yahweh

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other than this description he is power he is love

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and he is sound mind what is sound mind perfect clarity

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wouldn't you like to live your life with power full love and a perfectly

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clear mind in every situation you know exactly what to do so did you know that god says

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that's what he's given us this is what he has given us is power

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love and perfect clarity that perfect clarity comes from the

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instruction manual what we call the torah the front of the book in the back of the book together  
the whole book and nothing but the book so help us god when

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we read and understand the instruction manual we're understanding the mind of the creator  
which gives us

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perfect clarity so when we operate in or come into a situation where there's not clarity

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where there's fear where there's chaos god says i've not given you any of that this is your proving  
ground this is your

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test to know whether or not you will take hold of my to lead and my power well you will put  
aside your power your

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mind will and emotions of how you want to operate and you operate in my power

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that recognition that you don't have power that you can't do it and you submit your mind will and

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emotions to him in that moment it is in that moment where the power of god will

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come into your life and you will see divine assistance in every area this is

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how the life of a disciple operates we follow our rabbi we in we absorb his

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instructions and when we come up against a situation we don't know what to do we

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defer to the rabbi by faith there's a difference between

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listen what i'm about to say there's a difference between following rabbi yeshua as a student

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and there's a difference between following him as an apprentice listen

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there's a difference between following him as a student and what do i mean by that when a

18:12

student is studying a rabbi it can be at a distance a student will  
18:19  
study the rabbi's ideas his philosophies his understandings his interpretations  
18:25  
he will study till he's he's blue in the face to understand the rabbi  
18:32  
in what he meant and this is where most people that come into the front of the book as i like to  
18:38  
call it or the deeper hebraic understandings of the scriptures this is where they live they want to  
be a  
18:44  
student of the rabbi but the difference between a student and  
18:49  
an apprentice is an apprentice practices in real time what the rabbi's  
18:57  
saying what he's meaning and what his original intent is  
19:04  
and that's a big difference because students will study and they will partly apply  
19:10  
uh what the what how they believe the rabbi is wanting them to to operate  
19:18  
according to their teachings but they don't know the heart or the original intent of the rabbi  
because they don't  
19:24  
live with the rabbi they study the rabbi but they don't live with the rabbi  
19:29  
so the disciples were not students of rabbi yeshua they lived and understood  
19:36  
the heart of rabbi yeshua so it was different because they not only studied  
19:41  
what he meant what he said but they understood the heart from which it came and so there's  
19:48  
a whole nother level of application biblical hermeneutics interpreting the  
19:55  
bible and putting them into practical application when you add in the original  
20:00  
intent of the heart of that teacher and once you know  
20:05  
that heart of the of the teacher then every single uh instruction that he gave  
20:11  
becomes applicable in every lifetime in every scenario  
20:17  
um so for instance i'll give you an example one of the there's a torah commandment  
20:22  
that says look if you got a if your brother dies okay you have to take on his uh wife as  
20:30

your wife and give her a son okay now there are people that are students of the rabbi would say okay

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this is what i need to do now i don't know about you but i'm not real interested in marrying my sister-in-law

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if her husband dies uh and i'm not interested in giving her children okay

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but the reason and the motivation and the original intent and the heart

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of the rabbi that wrote that law is when you know that it becomes very

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easy to keep that torque commandment in in the 21st century because you have to know the culture the culture at the time

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said that the the patriarchs were going to leave an inheritance to their sons

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and so if their son was not there it would get split amongst the other

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sons so if you've got 10 sons and and the inheritance has to get split

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10 ways i'm only getting a tenth but if i can knock off half my brothers then that doubles my inheritance so god

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looked at this and said okay here we got to solve this problem i can see this being a problem

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to get ahead of this i'm going to say if you knock basically if you knock off one of your brothers one of your brothers

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dies you have to give her a son because the inheritance is going to go to a son

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period so however many times it takes i don't care you have to give her a son and and that would absolutely kill it

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right there no son is going to want to have to do that because

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it loses his incentive uh if he if he if the inheritance always has to get split

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10 ways no matter what um then it removes the temptation to kill off one

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of your brothers and by the way that happened a lot in ancient lands that's why king's sons were always

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killing off the other sons because they wanted to become king but god was so smart he got ahead of this and created a

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law for that so once you know the original intent you today the original intent is make sure  
22:37  
that the that the widow is taken care of and that the inheritance uh her share  
22:44  
goes to her and takes care of her future uh her progeny and so  
22:50  
you can fulfill much of the commandments if we know the heart behind them so the  
22:56  
ones that appear to be very difficult to do or impossible today by principle  
23:02  
are simply not we can absolutely i keep them by principle is what i mean to say by that  
23:08  
but we have to know the heart of the father and the heart is what god is looking for he says i'm  
looking for a  
23:14  
man after my own heart not after my own commandment not that the commandments aren't  
important the heart is far more  
23:21  
because the heart precedes and moves through the command the commandments are designed  
ladies and  
23:28  
gentlemen to create the parameters for the heart of god to be exposed in the  
23:33  
earth realm the commandments are like the rib cage the heart of god  
23:40  
is what he is looking for but he wants the rib cage there to keep it in alignment okay all right so  
23:46  
enough of that let's move back to to numbers 13  
23:53  
okay numbers 13 whoops that's not numbers 13. let's go back numbers 13.  
24:01  
there we go and we're going to move down to verse  
24:07  
16. so let me pull this back up on the screen so you can see let's run down to 16. and  
24:13  
as it gives the names of the children of israel that are going to be going into the land of canaan i  
thought this was  
24:19  
very interesting to bring up verse 16 says this it says these are the names of the men  
24:26  
of of whom mooses sent to spy out the land and mooses called hoshea  
24:33  
the son of noon joshua now how many of you knew that joshua's name was not originally  
24:41  
joshua it was hoshea okay this is interesting so let me bring  
24:46

this up for you joshua's original name was hoshea which is hey vav you may or  
24:52  
may not be able to see this on your screen but hey vav sheen ayan okay so hoshaya is how  
25:00  
that's pronounced what moises and by the way hoshea means deliverer okay  
25:06  
and or salvation what moises did was he added a vav  
25:14  
to the beginning i'm sorry he added a yod to the  
25:19  
beginning of hoshei's name and this is beautiful because if you add a yod to  
25:25  
the beginning of hoshea the yod in both ancient paleo-pictograph hebrew and  
25:31  
modern hebrew the word the letter yod is also a word called yod and it means hand  
25:39  
in an ancient pictograph it's the right hand of god it's the strength of god is his hand when you  
take the yod and you  
25:47  
put it in the front of hoshea which starts with a hay now you have created two words you've  
25:54  
created the yod and the hey together is yah which is the short form of yahweh  
26:00  
and then shaya the which is connected to salvation or  
26:05  
save and now you have yahweh saves all right you have the hand of god that  
26:12  
saves through hoshea so where one focuses on the  
26:18  
where one focuses on hoshea being the deliverer now moises by the inspiration of the holy  
26:25  
spirit i believe adds a yode to the beginning of hoshea and now the focus is on the one who's  
actually saving through  
26:33  
him which is yahweh and the reason why this is so important my friends is because when you're  
moving into the  
26:40  
prophetic realm of names and their missions and their callings god is saying this man's name is  
going  
26:48  
to be whom i'm going to deliver the children of israel through he's going to  
26:53  
be the head of the israelite army and when you move forward into the new testament what do  
you find 1400 years  
27:01  
later but gabriel coming and instructing that this is the name of the messiah is

27:08

yahushua it is yeshua it is the one who

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saves he is going to be tapped as the leader of israel the leader of the

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israelite army of the end days to lead god's people into the promised land that

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is yeshua it's the same name the short form of yahushua which is joshua of the

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old testament it's incredible it's an absolutely amazing connection that joshua is the one that is tapped in the

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old testament given the name and the very same name is given to the messiah both leading the children of israel into

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the promised land all right let's continue and go to

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numbers 13 and we'll start in verse 17.

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okay then mooses sent to them to spy out the land of canaan and said to them go up

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this way into the south go up to the mountains and see what the land is like

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whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak or whether that they are

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good or the land is good or bad if there's few or many whether the cities are inhabited are like camps or

28:21

strongholds whether land is rich or poor whether there are forests there or not

28:26

be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land now the time of the season was of the first ripe grapes now

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the first ripe grapes is our june okay so it's the june it's the early summer time is when the first uh ripe grapes

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were harvested so they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of sin as far as reholb near the entrance of

28:47

hamath and they went up through the south and came to hebron ahiman shashai and tamai

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the descendants of enoch were there now if you know about the descendants of enoch the descendants of enoch are

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simply the giants those were the giants that were in the land then they came to the valley of eschol

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and they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes they carried it between the two of them on a pole

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and they brought some of the pomegranates and figs all right now i want to drop down

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and i want to drop down to let's get down to verse 27 so let's drop

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down to verse 27 and it says then they told them and said we went to the land where you sent us

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it's truly flows with milk and honey and this is its fruit nevertheless the people who were dwell

29:35

in the land are strong the cities are fortified and very large moreover we saw the descendants of enoch there the

29:41

amacolites the malachites dwell in the land of the south the hittites the jebusites the amorites dwell in the

29:47

mountains and the canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the jordan river

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okay then caleb quieted the people before mooses and said

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let us go up at once and take possession for we are well able to overcome it but

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the men who gone up with them said we are not able to go up against the people for they are stronger than we

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and they gave the children of israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out saying the land through which

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we've gone out of spies is a land that devours its inhabitants and all the

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people whom we saw in it are men of great stature there we saw giants the descendants of

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enoch came from the giants and we were like grasshoppers in their

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sight can i ask a question my friend how is it every time that we as human beings come

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up against the situation all we see is negative all we see is the negatives in the situation all we see is the evil all

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we see is the frustrating moment we don't see past that so put that into a position of people how is it that we

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don't look at people and we don't see potential we see the pitfalls of the

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situation we don't see power okay we see the position that we're in which is a is

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a negative position but why don't we look at a situation and see god in the

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situation why don't we see the potential of a miracle why do we come up against the red sea we make fun of the of the

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israelites almost at every turn and go how could they not believe in god but we do the exact same thing we come up

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against the situation in our life and we don't go praise god i can't wait to see what the father's gonna do in this situation

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you know i remember the the first time that i saw my family uh when i was in prison i was been in prison for one week

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and i was absolutely terrified i was scared i was uh just

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emotional wreck and i walk into the visiting room and my family is there and i lost it i literally emotionally lost

31:53

it i'm crying like a baby embarrassing myself and my daughter sierra comes up

31:59

to me at the time i think she was 13 maybe 14 years old and she put her hands

32:04

on my shoulders and she said dad she said don't worry god has a great plan he's

32:12

going to do something amazing through this experience something to that effect it was so

32:18

mind-blowing that my 13 14 year old daughter had more faith more poise more

32:24

dignity and more power than her pastor dad had in that moment

32:30

she saw past the giants she saw the testimony being written on the first page of the

32:37

tribulation and we should be looking at situations like that as well that every time we

32:42

walk into a situation we see the first page being written of our testimony we

32:48

don't see the trial we see the testimony we don't see the the the the

32:53

the fire right we see the glory that's going to come from the situation we don't see the

32:59

giants we see the giants falling why is it that we don't feel that see that experience that we always seem to take a

33:07

position of fear and the reason why we do is because we are carnal and we are led by not just

33:13

our flesh but we are led by the enemy forces that love to manipulate us through a spirit of fear  
god i i'm

33:21

telling you guys god has not given us a spirit of fear he's given us a spirit of power

33:26

love and a sound mind power my friends is coming to those who have a different

33:32

spirit so let's let's continue and see if we can't find what this difference spirit is let's go to verse  
30

33:39

or excuse me uh we moved past that let's move into 14

33:45

and let's move down to this verse here let me show this to

33:50

you okay verse 9 it says this only do not rebel against the lord nor

33:59

fear the people of the land for they are our bread their protection has departed from them

34:06

and the lord is with us do not fear them

34:12

my friends do you see this let me just back up to verse six but joshua the son

34:17

of noon and caleb the son of jeffune who were among those who had spied out the land tore their  
clothes they were so

34:24

upset at what the people were saying they spoke to all the congregation of israel and said the land  
we pass through

34:30

to spy out is exceedingly good land if the lord delights in us then he will

34:36

bring us into the land and give it to us a land which flows with milk and honey now remember  
god already said i'm giving

34:42

you this land which means he had delighted in his people what caleb was saying was look you  
have to stay in the position of delight and

34:49

when you do that then god will give this land to you and he says only don't rebel against the

34:55

lord nor fear the people of the land they are our bread my friends this is an amazing

35:04

scripture to say that the enemy the giants in your life are the bread

35:10

it's the bread from heaven have you ever considered that that your very enemies the very  
frustration that you've got in

35:17

your life is the very bread that's going to sustain you and promote you into a  
35:22  
new new catapulted direction new territories are going to be given to you from the very  
frustrations in your life  
35:31  
when you see that when you pick up when that your frustration i should show you this let  
35:37  
me show you this because this i think will illustrate my point greatly  
35:46  
oh  
35:51  
give me just a second here let me show you this this sword right here my friends  
35:59  
this is an actual sword from scotland that is uh it's a it's this it's a sword  
36:05  
that braveheart or william wallace had and i keep this in my office this thing is so heavy you  
cannot  
36:12  
imagine how heavy this thing is if you're not used to this let's look at  
36:17  
this as your enemy the sword is so heavy it's frustrating you can hardly wield it  
36:25  
but when you learn and you grow in your sword in your enemies and you recognize  
36:31  
that the enemy is nothing but a weapon  
36:36  
then you will you will realize the value of having enemies in your life  
36:42  
or frustrations in your life situations that come up that  
36:48  
seem to put you back that you grab onto your enemy you grab on the situation and  
36:53  
you drop because the the weight is just so great but when you realize that god  
36:59  
has put these situations in your life to bless you and to catapult you into a new  
37:05  
direction then you will gladly say to your enemy  
37:11  
welcome to the battlefield let me put this down without hurting anything  
37:17  
it says here look they are your bread the enemy is the very thing in your life  
37:23  
your frustrations are what will catapult you and most people fight the situations  
37:28  
in their life they they do not accept the situation if you remember my teaching on dare  
37:35

on patients there was a dare acronym d is don't try to fix the situation a is  
37:40  
except the situation r is refused to judge the situation or  
37:46  
the other person and e is exercise silence when we do that we are removing  
37:51  
the ability for the enemy to have any part in our life and we're giving god the entire scenario in  
situation and the  
37:59  
battlefield becomes his caleb says this their protection has departed from them what is their  
38:06  
protection did you know in the ancient world i can say exactly what he meant by that their  
protection was the demonic  
38:12  
strongholds it was the prince of those cities just like the prince of persia in daniel chapter 9.  
when god starts to  
38:19  
move across the jordan river into the land the spirits move they depart they're scared to death  
38:27  
is this is why mooses said god as long as you go with us we can't lose but if you  
38:33  
depart from us we will not win a single war why because the spirits the fallen  
38:39  
angels and the spirits of the giants that are there in the land that are protecting  
38:45  
those people they will pummel us but if they see you in the spirit realm  
38:53  
they will run and we will win every single time and this is why 300 can put aside 10 thousand  
this is why one can  
39:00  
put aside a thousand because it's not our war ladies and gentlemen we do not  
39:05  
fight against flesh and blood the bible says we fight against principalities and powers of this  
present darkness and let  
39:11  
me inform you something if you don't know already you can't win in that world the smallest  
39:17  
weakest demon is invisible and they will beat you every single time that's why you cannot fight  
39:25  
in the flesh and blood that's why those that frustrate you a spouse or or a  
39:30  
wayward child whatever it is this is a battle that is fought and won in one  
39:35  
realm only in the spirit realm this is why that the spiritual gifts are not  
39:40  
just for mankind they are the promotion gifts that allow the real power gifts

39:46

to come the the the pneumatics in the greek the spiritual gifts to be given

39:52

that's the air-driven gifts the air-driven gifts is how we take the

39:59

heavenly realm and put it into the physical realm and this is what caleb did caleb and joshua said  
heck no we

40:05

know that those giants are big but our god is bigger we don't believe in

40:10

looking at the scriptures through the physical eyes only and parsing out the greek and looking at  
the hebrew and

40:16

going okay this is the commandment this is how we keep it no we look at the commandment we  
look at the scripture we

40:21

go what's god's heart on this how do i move this into into the earth realm and maintain the

40:28

top three pillars of the character of god which is power love and a sound mind

40:34

how do i move the power into the earth realm i can tell you right now if you're keeping  
commandments and you're not getting power and changing your life

40:41

you're keeping the wrong commandments my friend because the commandments that i'm  
keeping create power

40:47

love and a sound mind so if love doesn't follow you you're not keeping god's commandments you  
don't have his image

40:52

you don't have as his favor in your life if you don't have power in your life you don't have favor  
you don't have the

40:58

image of christ you're following the wrong god if you don't have a sound mind

41:03

you don't have clarity of decision making when you're moving through your life then you're not  
following the

41:09

creator god because he has perfect clarity what we're looking for is the mind will and emotions  
of the creator

41:19

not just his mind when you have his mind only you have a

41:25

static one-dimensional part of him but having his will his original intent and having his heart

41:31

and his emotions that is the true image of god and that's why when moses came down from the  
mountain his face glowed

41:39

he was perfectly illustrating the image of god

41:45

let's continue when you move down mooses intercedes for the people and then we get down to this verse right here my

41:51

favorite verse of this particular torah portion let me pull it back for up on the screen

41:58

it says in verse 24. well verse 23 let's back it up it says

42:04

they certainly shall not see the land which i swore to their fathers nor shall any of those who rejected me see it can

42:11

you believe that god defines rejection as us looking at the world

42:18

through our own eyes let me say that again god looks at those

42:24

of us that would see the world through our own eyes and through fear as rejecting him that's unbelievable to me

42:32

that god says you're rejecting me when you see the situation and you don't see

42:38

me as a solution when your son or your daughter is dying in the hospital and you see that

42:45

if you don't see me as the solution then you are rejecting me

42:52

that's incredible that will change your life your paradigm of how you view situations when you see a situation and

43:01

you only see the solution that's the position of faith that god's

43:07

trying to get every one of us into and he says this he says in verse 24 but my servant

43:14

caleb because he has a different spirit in him

43:20

and has followed me fully i will bring him into the land where he went and his

43:26

descendants shall inheritance look at that my friends god says

43:33

caleb has a different spirit and then what i love about this is he defines what it is he says he has followed me

43:39

fully but then we know what it means to follow god fully is to believe that god

43:46

can do what he said he's going to do and what did you always say yahweh said i'm going to give you this land and caleb

43:53

just was naive enough to believe it my friends this is the gospel right here

43:58

to as many as believed on him even his name those he gave the right to become

44:04

children of god to believe is to trust and obey and it starts with trust

44:09

where some people would have a works-based righteousness to believe that salvation comes through somehow

44:14

keeping a single commandment or a keep and a single instruction of god that's blasphemy my friends faith starts in the

44:21

in the moment of believing that god can do it faith starts at the moment that you

44:28

believe that you need faith it's at the moment that you realize that you need a savior from the beginning of

44:35

salvation to every situation where you need a savior after that

44:40

faith is where faith is the conduit pipe from which power flows let me say that again faith

44:48

is the pipe from which power flows without the beginning of realizing that

44:56

you even need a pipe you cannot have power and there are so many people that live

45:02

in this movement that they try to understand the front of the book but they don't understand faith they don't

45:10

get it so they're trying to like connect things to a pipe that doesn't exist in

45:15

their life so they they walk around with this mental ascent of understanding god

45:20

and they deny this power it's like having a form of religion as a

45:27

as the new testament says it says a form of godliness but they deny its power

45:32

their godliness is found in keeping the commandments of god and that's great and we need to do that and we aspire that

45:39

especially as a torah teacher i want people to keep god's commandments because that's how we show that we love

45:44

him but keeping the commandments alone does not create power

45:51

the early rabbis and pharisees kept the commandments far greater than any man or woman or child will ever keep them in

45:58

this lifetime but what creates power is the faith that goes around

46:05

the commandments when you believe god at his word when you walk into the into

46:10

walmart and you see a man that is is crippled and you believe and you that still small voice shows up and you

46:16

believe that god can heal him and you walk up and say sir can i pray for you and you believe

46:24

you're never going to see someone get out of a wheelchair until you have the faith to believe that god can actually

46:30

do it i believe it's high time and as we close

46:37

i believe the father wants to empower you right now where you are

46:43

that you need as simple as this message is this is as simple as what caleb did

46:49

if you want to please the creator if you want favor in your life if you want power you want love you want a sound

46:56

mind you know what it starts with it starts with faith if you have something that you struggle with okay let's say

47:02

it's pride whatever your wife says it is okay that's what you struggle with whatever your struggle is maybe it's

47:08

pornography maybe it's the lust whatever the fundamental foundational struggle that you have have you ever even taken

47:15

the time to spy out that land what do i mean by that have you taken the time to

47:20

read about your struggle if it's pride read an article on pride read a book on pride how to remove pride in your life

47:27

how to remove pornography how much time have you spent spying out your land did

47:33

you know god the reason why he gave them instructions to go spy out the land and come back he wanted to partner with them

47:40

he didn't want to do everything for them he wanted to partner with them that's why he allows situations to

47:48

happen your life he wants you to research you keep asking god please take this  
47:53

away please take this away please fix me god is probably not going to do that  
47:59

because he wants to know how bad do you want it i want you to go in and see how big these  
giants are and then i want you  
48:05

to report to me that the giants exist i want you to admit that you have struggles in your life admit  
that you've  
48:11

got giants and then partner with me by faith to believe that i can beat those  
48:16

giants but i'm not gonna do it without you you gotta find out how to what's the  
48:22

best strategy which angle should we attack the giants if you have pornography issues or lust  
issues in  
48:28

your life or or or whatever the problem is that you struggle with  
48:34

you have to research that land my friends god's saying right now how much  
48:40

time have you invested in the character flaws of your life because those are the real giants we are  
constantly looking  
48:46

outside to the enemies and pointing the fingers at every person that's around us that frustrates us  
but you know who  
48:52

frustrates god more than anyone you it's the one that we are looking at in  
48:58

the mirror that's the greatest enemy that we have that's the one that we need to look out for that's  
the one that we  
49:04

need to do research on because the giants in our life are not the people it's the character flaws  
that we have  
49:11

and how we deal with people let me say that again the giants in our lives are not the people  
outside of our  
49:17

life it's the character flaws in our life of how we deal with those people  
49:23

and until we actually increase uh the character in our life and defeat the  
49:29

giants that are inside of us we will never be able to get over the giants that are outside of us  
49:35

god's gonna keep bringing the same giants to show us that it ain't the giant it's us and how we  
deal with the

49:41

giant you see when the giant showed up with goliath to king david what would then be uh the young shepherd boy he

49:49

knew exactly how to deal with this giant he had done his research he knew that

49:54

there was a a kink in the a in the armor and he knew exactly where it was that that that helmet came down right

50:02

here and he said man i just need one small rock and i need to put it right in

50:08

that one spot and i'll bring that giant down he did his homework and so much so

50:13

he brought four five stones one for each of the of the brothers of goliath just in case the other four decided to come

50:19

out from hiding he would be ready for them too how much have you done your homework on the struggles in your life

50:27

let's top stop trying to take the log out of our brother's eye and start

50:34

the speck out of our brother's eye i should say and start taking the logs out of our own by focusing on the giants in

50:41

our own land when we do that my friends promotion will come power will come love

50:50

will envelop all that you are and when love shows up

50:56

you will see the clarity of mind and the perfect non-foggy discernment that you need to

51:05

navigate through life wouldn't it be amazing if you had this crystal ball in every situation you knew exactly what to

51:11

do that starts with power and power is predecessor is

51:18

faith believe what god said in your life expect him to do miracles and when the

51:25

miracles don't happen the way that you expect them to happen you say that's

51:30

okay god must take this giant down another way he must have a greater way to take this giant down

51:37

pick up the stones of faith in your life my friends and begin to learn how to

51:42

swing that sling because the giants don't come down by themselves and god

51:47

rarely takes them down on his own he wants to partner with you to train you  
51:53  
through faith and obedience of taking the spirit and the truth putting them  
51:58  
together that is your sword that is going to take down the giants in your  
52:04  
life it's not going to be reading the word it's not going to be prayer only it's going to be in the  
practical of  
52:11  
preparing for war that your giants will fall so let's have a different spirit my  
52:17  
friend let's take on the spirit of joshua and caleb i call it club jc  
52:24  
club joshua caleb let's not be the sand people that end up demoted to the sam  
52:30  
because all they did was focus on the practical all they did was focus on what they could see let's  
think not with our  
52:38  
own minds let us not see with our own eyesight let us not lean on our own  
52:43  
understanding but in all our ways we acknowledge him in what he can do  
52:50  
and you will see the power of god direct your path  
52:57  
my friends let us pray and ask the father for divine assistance in these days that we live in father  
thank you  
53:04  
for bringing us to a place where we are crossing the river and we need not only  
53:10  
to trust you to believe in you to know that there is not a giant alive in or  
53:17  
outside of us that can stand in your presence that the enemy protection has  
53:24  
fled there is no protection over jericho any longer  
53:29  
lord only through praise and power and faith in love  
53:35  
through the gifts of the holy spirit that those walls will fall  
53:40  
and we forecast that the inheritance that you gave our forefathers will come back into our lives  
today let the first  
53:47  
generation of acts chapter 2 be connected to this generation lord and  
53:52  
let your holy fire fall we thank you god for your word we thank  
53:58

you for the different spirit that you've given us we ask that you would grow this different spirit and it would destroy

54:06

the sand people's spirit father that lack of faith that only wants to follow you and check off their list of of

54:13

however religious ways that they want to want to follow you lord let a joshua

54:19

caleb by faith generation let it be grown into the earth realm and birthed even

54:26

now put the sword in our hands teach us father how to destroy the character

54:31

flaws the giants in our own lives so that your image may be what people see

54:37

and everybody said hey we'll see you next time i'm jim staley with passion for truth thank you for

54:44

being a part of this ministry thank you for helping us for partnering with us

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to reach the nations would you please if this ministry blessed you would you consider partnering with us both

54:55

prayerfully and financially help us reach the nations we can't do it without you

55:01

love you guys we'll see you next time shalom

55:13

someone has donated to this ministry so that you could be blessed today would you consider paying it forward for

55:19

others if so text pay it forward all one word to 801 801 that's pay it forward no

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spaces to 801 801 or go to [passionfortruth.com](http://passionfortruth.com)

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