

3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the command of the LORD, *all of them men who were heads of the sons of Israel.*

**Just go  
already**



**1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying,**

**Numbers 13:1–3**

2 “Send out for yourself men so that they may *spy out the land* of Canaan, *which I am going to give to the sons of Israel*; you shall send a man from each of their fathers’ tribes, *every one a leader among them*.”

In every important transition, God first appoints leaders.

An anointed leader can also be a mis-leader.

**25** When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

**Numbers 13:25–29**

26 they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Thus they told him, and said, “We went in to the land where you sent us; and ***it certainly does flow with milk and honey***, and this is its fruit.



28 “**Nevertheless**, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified *and* very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

29 “Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan.”

Every word the spies  
said was true.

It was their speculations  
about those facts that  
brought them disaster.

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for *we will surely overcome it.*”

**Numbers 13:30**

When faith becomes our  
filter for all our  
observations, the  
impossible seems not only  
possible, but guaranteed.

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “**We are not able** to go up against the people, for **they are too strong for us.**”

**Numbers 13:31–33**

32 So *they gave out* to the sons of Israel *a bad report* of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of *great size*.”

33 “There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and ***we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.***”



**1 Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night.**

**Numbers 14:1**

When "experts" give a report inconsistent with God's word, they are not experts, but misleaders — building strongholds of unbelief in those who will agree with them.

If a report we hear produces fear and unbelief, it must not be confused with "wisdom." It is a seed of rebellion seeking fertile soil in which to grow, and will bring ruin all who receive it.

6 Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

**Numbers 14:6–10**

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, “The land which we passed through to spy out is *an exceedingly good land.*”

8 “If the LORD is pleased with us, then *He will bring us into this land and give it to us*—a land which flows with milk and honey.

9 “Only ***do not rebel against the LORD;***  
and ***do not fear the people of the land,***  
for they will be our prey. ***Their protection***  
***has been removed from them, and the***  
***LORD is with us; do not fear them.***”

10 But all the congregation said to stone them with stones...



In times of fear and confusion, voices of courage and conviction are despised by those clinging to the delusion of security found in their present, more familiar place.

We have been made for  
better things, and have not  
been called out merely to  
settle in a land that is not  
yet Paradise.



Courage is the greatest  
virtue because it  
guarantees all the rest.

Winston Churchill

10 ...Then the glory of the LORD  
appeared in the tent of meeting to  
all the sons of Israel.

**Numbers 14:10–11**

11 The LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people *spurn* Me? And how long will they *not believe* in Me, *despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?*”

The surest way to become  
hyper-focused on the fearful  
things that lie ahead is to  
forget what God has done  
about the fearful things that  
now lie in our past.

Believing lies about our past  
will inevitably lead to believing  
lies about our future.

Living in and enjoying the  
ever-present reality of  
Christ-in-us guarantees a  
faith-filled courage to  
GO when God says, "GO."



39 But *we are not of those who shrink back to destruction*, but of those who have *faith to the preserving of the soul*.

Hebrews 10:39