

**THE LIFE  
OF MOSES**  
EXPERIENCE THE  
IMPOSSIBLE

**#27: OVERCOMING YOUR  
GIANT PROBLEMS**  
NUMBERS 13 & 14  
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## **I. GOD'S PROMISES OF GREATNESS**

### **1. To His people of ancient times.**

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God.

Genesis 17:8 (NLT)

### **2. To us—His people today.**

Jesus came to them and said: I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:18-20 (CEV)

## **II. THE TRAGEDY OF GREATNESS DELAYED—NUMBERS 13 AND 14**

### **1. The reconnaissance of the land of Canaan (13:1-24).**

### **2. The report of the spies (v.25-33).**

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 (NCV)

[David said] "I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"

1 Samuel 17:36-37 (NLT)

**3. The reaction of the people (14:1-10).**

- The faithless (v.1-4).
- The faithful (v.5-11).

The majority measured the giants against their own strength; Caleb and Joshua measured the giants against God. The majority trembled; the two triumphed. The majority had great giants but a little God. Caleb had a great God and little giants.

Alan Redpath

**4. The result of the choice (v.36-44).**

### **III. HOW I CAN OVERCOME MY GIANT PROBLEMS**

**1. Possess a vision that is as great as my God.**

Jesus looked straight at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything."

Matthew 19:26 (CEV)

**2. Remember that God's promises are only fulfilled by my action.**

Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.

Joel A. Barker

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

James 2:17 (NLT)

**3. Trust that when I can't—God can!**

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NIV)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NLT)