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**SEEING FAITH**

**Numbers 13:25-30**

**INTRODUCTION:**

A. Faith is seeing life from God's point of view...having His vision.

***"What is faith?....being certain of things we do not see."* Hebrews 11:1**

***"I pray that the eyes of your heart will be flooded with light so that you can see the wonderful future God has promised to those He called..."*  Ephesians 1:18**

**I. WHEN WE LOOK AT LIFE WITH FEAR**

A. We **exaggerate** our difficulties.

**"*This was their report to Moses: We entered the land...and it is indeed a bountiful country-–a land flowing with milk and honey...but the people living there are powerful and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants..."* Numbers 13:27-28**

B. We underestimate our own **abilities**.

**"*We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."* Numbers 13:33**

C. We get **discouraged**.

**"*Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night!*  Numbers 14:1**

D. We begin to **complain** about our life.

**"*All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron...'We wish we had died in Egypt!...Or even here in the wilderness!'"* Numbers 14:2**

E. We give up and blame **God**.

**"*Why is the Lord bringing us to this land to be killed with swords...We'd be better off going back to Egypt!"* Numbers 14:3**

**II. WHEN WE LOOK AT LIFE WITH FAITH**

A. Faith **shrinks** our problems.

**"*For nothing is impossible for God."* Luke 1:37**

B. Faith moves **God** to work on our behalf.

**"*Jesus said, 'According to your faith it will be done to you.'"* Matthew 9:29**

C. Faith activates God's **promises** to us.

**"*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are all 'Yes' in Christ!"* 2 Corinthians 1:20**

D. Faith gives us the **power** to hold on in tough times.

**"*We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and we're not broken. We're perplexed but don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we're not knocked out­–we get up and we keep on going."* 2 Corinthians 4:8-9**

**CONCLUSION:**