

Sermon Notes for November 28, 2021

SEEING YOUR FUTURE WITH FAITH, NOT FEAR NUMBERS 13:17-14:9

SERIES: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF VISION

¹⁹ "And so, King Agrippa, I did not disobey the vision I had from heaven.

Acts 26:19 (TEV)

¹⁸ Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. *Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)*

AN UNCLEAR VISION (*REVELATION*) LEADS TO:

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⁸ A person who has doubts is thinking about two different things at the same time and can't make up his mind about anything. *James 1:8 (GW)*

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² When the country is in chaos, everybody has a plan to fix it— But it takes a leader of real understanding to straighten things out. *Proverbs 28:2 (MSG)*

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¹⁹ Some have refused to let their faith guide their conscience and their faith has been destroyed like a wrecked ship. *1 Timothy 1:19 (GW)*

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! *Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)*

EXAMPLE: SEEING THE FUTURE WITH _____ OR _____ :

¹⁷ Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: "Go north through the Negev into the hill country. ¹⁸ See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. ¹⁹ See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps? ²⁰ Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see." (It happened to be the season for harvesting the first ripe grapes.) *Numbers 13:17-20 (NLT2)*

²¹ So they spied out the land all the way from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob near Hamath. ²² Going northward, they passed first through the Negeb and arrived at Hebron. There they saw the Ahimanites, Sheshites, and Talmites, all families descended from Anak. (By the way, Hebron was very ancient, having been founded seven years before Tanis in Egypt.) ²³ Then they came to what is now known as the Valley of Eshcol where they cut down a single cluster of grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it on a pole between them! They also took some samples of the pomegranates and figs. *Numbers 13:21-23 (TLB)*

²⁵ After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned ²⁶ to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land. *Numbers 13:25-26 (NLT2)*

LOOKING AT THE FUTURE WITH FEAR CAUSES PROBLEMS:

1. I OVEREMPHASIZE _____

²⁷ This was their report: "We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' Here is some fruit we have brought as proof. ²⁸ But the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and very large; and what's more, we saw Anakim giants there! *Numbers 13:27-28 (TLB)*

2. I PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT OTHER _____ ARE _____

²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley." *Numbers 13:29 (NLT2)*

3. I _____ THE ABILITIES GOD HAS GIVEN ME

³² They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." *Numbers 13:32b-33 (NIV)*

4. I _____ OTHERS WITH MY _____

³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. *Numbers 13:32a*

5. I MAKE _____ MISERABLE

¹ Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they carried on all night. ² Their voices rose in a great chorus of complaint against Moses and Aaron. "We wish we had died in Egypt," they wailed, "or even here in the wilderness, *Numbers 14:1-2 (TLB)*

The Antidote: See with Eyes of Faith, Not Fear

³⁰ But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!" *Numbers 13:30 (NLT2)*

⁶ Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, tore their clothing. ⁷ They said to all the people of Israel, "The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! ⁸ And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. ⁹ Do not rebel against the LORD, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don't be afraid of them!" *Numbers 14:6-9 (NLT2)*