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Getting Past the Giants

Numbers 13:30–
14:4



Possess the Promise

This is What God told Israel when He Delivered Them

Take possession of the land and settle in it, because I have given it to you to occupy.

-Num 33:53 NLT

Deuteronomy 1:21 (KJV)

²¹ Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

Possess= to *occupy* (by *driving* out previous tenants, and *possessing* in their place); by implication to *seize*, to *rob*, to *inherit*; also to *expel*

Promised Land

Place of...

- Hope
- Vision
- Opportunity
- Growth
- Life
- Battle – *Satan Refuses to Accept Defeat*



What Happened to Israel?

When Moses Sent Out Twelve Spies to Survey the Promised Land

- **They were Shocked to Find Giants in the Land**
- **Ten of Them Gave a Bad Report...**
 - ...Causing the Hearts of the People to Melt With Fear**
- **Fear Destroyed Faith, Which Led to Disobedience**
- **The Result was Forty Years in the Desert**



Occupy

Israel had to get Past the Giants to Possess the Promised Land

•The Lessons of Israel that Led to Forty Years of Desert...

...Teach us How to Get Past Our Giants

...And Boldly Take the Promised Land

Maybe You Are in the Facing Giants of...

- Fear**
- Fatigue**
- Failure**

You Can Get Past Your Giants to Your Own Promised Land!

Occupy Til I Come

Occupy

Does Not Mean

- *Take Up Space*

It Does Mean

- *Take a Stance*
 - *Be Productive*
 - *Take Back Lost ...*
...Ground / Property
- Being Responsible**



Giants Represent Barriers

Giants Represent Barriers to Our Canaan

- There Will Be Challenges

Question...

Do You Expect to...

- Possess Without a Challenge?
- See Promise Without a Fight?

Barriers Bring Frustration

- Whenever We Begin to Move Forward...

...We Confront Giants (*Satan begins to push back*)

Giants = Barriers



Giants Represent Barriers

Remember...

Whenever We Begin to Move Forward...

...We Confront Giants (*Satan begins to push back*)

- What is the Biggest Barrier to your Promise?
- What is your Biggest Fear?
- Here are the Lessons we Learn from Israel's Experience to...
...Help Us Defeat Our Own Giants



Giants Aren't Going to Go Away on Their Own

...You Must Drive Them Out (14:8-9)

We Cannot...

- Ignore our Giants Away
- Talk Our Giants Away

We Must Take Action...

- Be Intentional
- Be Disciplined
- Be Faithful



Faith Without Works Is Dead -James 2:17.

- The Gift of Faith is Free, but the Life of Faith is a Fight

1 Timothy 6:12 (AMP) Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

**SOME GIANTS HAVE BEEN IN THE LAND A LONG
Time...**

...They Won't Leave Without a Fight (28)

These Giants had been in Canaan for Generations

- **Negative**
- **Destructive**
- **Stubborn**

You Must...

- **Hold on to the Vision**
- **Refuse to Quit the Struggle**
- **Trust God for Strength / Results**



Don't Get Discouraged When Everything Doesn't Change Overnight

- **War Takes Longer and Costs More Than We Expect**
- **But Victory is Certain Through the Grace of God**

Magnify God, Not Your Giants (33)

When Problems are Exaggerated (*focused on*) ...
...We Develop the "*Grasshopper Syndrome*"

- Joshua and Caleb had the Spirit of Faith (30)
- 10 Spies had the Spirit of Fear (31)

We Need to Magnify God, Not Our Problems

Magnify His...

- Love
- Faithfulness
- Power

*"Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together" -Ps.
34:3*

Problems are Opportunities in Disguise for...

...God's Glory to Be Revealed



Run Toward the Giants, Not Away From Them (30)

Go Up at Once...

..Before Negative has a Chance to Infect

- Are You Infected or Affecting**
- You Can Never Win a Battle in a Retreat Mode**

David Refused to Retreat When He Faced A Giant

•Run at Your Giant as David did: *"I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty"* -1 Sam. 17:45

•*"David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword"* -1 Sam 17:50

It is Not the Size of Our Resources But of...

...Our Faith in God's Power that Wins the Day

Occupy the Land When You Drive Out the Giants

Deliverance Needs to Be Followed By Discipleship

We Have to Grow in..

- **Faith (bible)**
- **Words**
- **Deeds (action)**

The Bible says we Need to Be Filled with...

- **the Fullness of God -Eph 3:19**
- **the Spirit –Eph 5:18**
- **the Fruit of Righteousness -Phil 1:11**
- **Purpose -Col 1:9**
- **Fullness in Christ –Col 2:10**



WE ARE HARD PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE,
BUT NOT CRUSHED;
PERPLEXED,
BUT NOT IN DESPAIR;
PERSECUTED,
BUT NOT ABANDONED;
STRUCK DOWN,
BUT NOT DESTROYED.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9

- Joke**- An inept golfer's ball flew into the rough and landed on an anthill.
- He tried and tried to hit the ball back onto the fairway but each time he missed and hit the anthill. Ants went flying all over the place.
- One ant turned to another and said, "If we are going to survive, we had better get on the ball."

Easy Eddie Lawyer to Al Capone

- A lot of underhanded dealings**
- Decided he wasn't making positive diff -so he turned Capone in**
- He died year later- riddled w- Bullets**

Move Fwd -WWII - Navy squadron took off -pilot(Butch) noticed they forgot to fuel him so he turned back -just as he got there his Ships were under arial attack -he took them on by himself (1st medal of Honor)

Year later he died in aerial battle -his city wanted to rem his heroics -named airport after him- Butch O'hare - Chicago O'hare international

Butch O'hare was Easy Eddies Son