

# LIVING IN THE REALITY OF GOD



## CHANGE YOUR LENS...CHANGE YOUR REALITY

# THE REALITY OF GOD

**Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) – 8** “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. **9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

**WHAT IS GOD’S REALITY CONCERNING YOUR LIFE?**

**WHEN WE ARE PRE-OCCUPIED WITH THE WORLD’S VIEW,  
WE ARE LIVING IN THE WORLD’S REALITY.**

# OUR LENS DETERMINES OUR REALITY

## MAN'S REALITY

Covid; Fear;  
Depression; Anxiety;  
Violence; Inflation;  
Supply Problems;  
Sickness; Death; Loss

## GOD'S REALITY

Protection; Peace; Plenty;  
Favor; Hope; Future;  
Happiness; Success  
Destiny; Purpose;  
*People of "Goshen"*

## Which Lens Are You Looking Through?



# GOD'S COMMAND TO US

**Joshua 1:9 (NLT)** This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

- **Strong**: *to prevail; to overpower*
- **Courageous**: *to be able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching.*


## GOD IS SENDING US TO A PLACE. WILL WE OCCUPY IT?

***Numbers 13:27 ,30***

<sup>27</sup> “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey... <sup>30</sup> “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”

**Numbers 13:2, 17-20 -- 2** "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."

**17** Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, **18** and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, **19** and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, **20** and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.



**Numbers 13:25-29 – 25** At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. **26** They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. **27** They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. **28** But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."


**Numbers 13:30-33 – 30** But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." **31** Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." **32** So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. **33** And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."

**Numbers 14:6-10 – 6** And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes **7** and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it ~~out~~, is an exceedingly good land. **8** If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. **9** Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them." **10** Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. ...





**Numbers 14:11, 21-24 – 11** And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? ...**21** But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the ~~glory~~ of the LORD, **22** none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, **23** shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. **24** But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.



# #1: Due Diligence Provides Preparation and Expectation for Success

**Numbers 13:2** "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel.

- "Spy Out" "Careful examination" to explore; TWOT

**WHEN WE DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE, WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
GOD'S WISDOM IN THE MATTER**

**Joshua 1:8** –*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

## #2: The Real Treasure Is Often Hidden Behind the Struggle

**Numbers 13:17** "Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country"


- Negeb: Root word is "dry"
- Negeb was a place where little rainfall fell and was considered a dessert, however, due to the underground springs and the wadi's after rain season, pasture land was available
- A underground resources of copper, bromine and natural gas
- A land that had to be passed through to get to get to where they were going
- Wilderness will usually precede the provision of the promise

### **#3: Must Move Your "But" Out of the Way: Excuses**

**Numbers 13:28** But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

**BUT = FEAR**

#### **The Enemy's Tactics:**

- Amalekites: Pride; Boasting; Self promotion
  - Hittites: Discouragement; Confusion; Fear
  - Jebusites: Profanity of Holy; Lust
  - Amorites: Challenge; Speak Against
  - Canaanites: Slander; Gossip; Strife
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## #4: You Must Rise Above Your Own Self Image (Your Reality) Into God's Image of You (His Reality)

**Numbers 13:33 – 33** There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the ~~sons of Anak~~, who come from the giants; **and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

Anak root: to choke

*Intimidation from the enemy will cause you to shrink in your own estimate and the enemy will always be larger than you.*

*Whoever/Whatever intimidates you, controls you!*





## #5: God's Reality Will Often Oppose the Popular View

**Numbers 14: 24** But my servant Caleb, because he has a **different spirit and has followed me fully**, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.

Because Caleb had a different spirit, he obtained the promise.  
Caleb's Faith and Courage came from within himself and he refused to compromise with the majority

**Caleb did not follow the "majority view"; He followed the.  
WORD OF THE LORD given to him**

# Living in the Reality of God

1. God requires us to do our own "due diligence". *Preparation and Expectation are birthed in our "due diligence"*
2. The Real Treasure Often Hides Behind Your Momentary Struggle. *If it is easy, anyone can do it. Struggle builds strength and confidence in God.*
3. Don't Let Your "But" Hinder You: *Don't Make Excuses*
4. You Never Rise Above Your Self Image: Confession; Profession; Purpose. *Get out of your own reality into God's reality.*
5. Popular Opinion Is Not Usually God's Plan. *Popular Opinion Does Not Always Equal Truth*