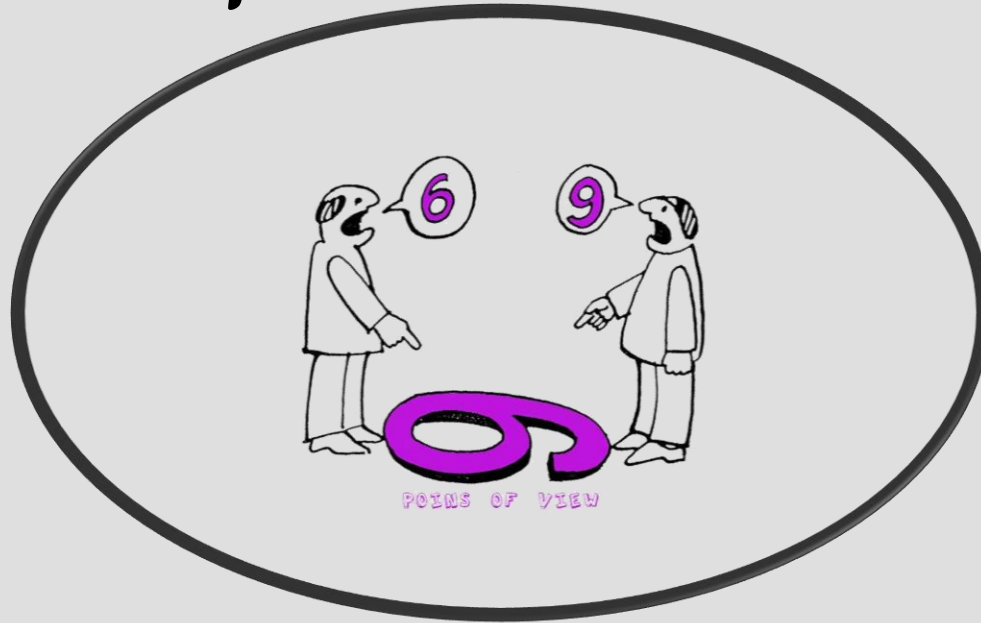


What's YOUR Point of View?



Numbers 13:27 ,30

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

Numbers 13:2; 17-20 (NLT) — 2 “Send out men to **explore** the land of Canaan, **the land I am giving to the Israelites**. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes.” ... **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 13:25–29 — 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.

LIFE LESSON #1: FOCUS ONLY ON THE PROMISE

- **Numbers 13:2 (NLT) — 2** “Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites.
- **“Explore”** “Careful examination” ... where an intense search for wisdom is such an important preoccupation in the mind of the author.” TWOT
 - ***Joshua 1:8 — 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.*

LIFE LESSON #2: MUST SEE BEYOND THE OBSTACLES TO THE TREASURE

Numbers 13:17 (NLT) — 17 Moses gave the men these instructions ... “Go north through the Negev into the hill country.

Negeb: Root word is “dry”

- Negeb was a place where little rainfall fell and was considered a desert, however, due to the underground springs and the wadi’s after rain season, pasture land was available
 - A rich resource for underground sources of copper, bromine and natural gas
 - A land that had to be passed through to get the promise
 - Wilderness may often precede the promise

Scott Peck from “A Road Less Traveled”

“Life is difficult. This is a great truth, one of the greatest truths. It is a great truth because once we truly see this truth, we transcend it. Once we truly know that life is difficult - once we truly understand and accept it - then life is no longer difficult. Because once it is accepted, the fact that life is difficult no longer matters.”

- It's not the circumstances that control our life, but our decisions.
- Our decisions are based on our faith in the promises of God.
- Our faith is based on our Point of View or Perspective of God's character

LIFE LESSON #2: MUST SEE PAST OBSTACLES TO THE TREASURE

THERE IS ALWAYS A PRICE TO PAY FOR SUCCESS.

- *“Once you agree upon the price you and your family must pay for success, it enables you to ignore the minor hurts, the opponent’s pressure, and the temporary failures.” –**Vince Lombardi***
- *“Nature cannot be tricked or cheated. She will give up to you the object of your struggles only after you have paid her price.” –**Napoleon Hill***
- **There is a Lazarus Generation promised!**

LIFE LESSON#3: GET YOUR “BUT” OUT OF THE WAY

- **Numbers 13:28–29 (NLT)** — **28** But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! **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.”
- **The Enemy’s Tactics: BUT = FEAR**
 - **Amalekites**: Pride; Boasting; Self promotion
 - **Hittites**: Discouragement; Confusion; Fear
 - **Jebusites**: Profanity of Holy; Lust
 - **Amorites**: Challenge; Speak Against
 - **Canaanites**: Slander; Gossip; Strife

LIFE LESSON#3: MOVE YOUR “BUT” OUT OF THE WAY

BUT = FEAR

- *“Do the thing you fear most and the death of fear is certain.” Mark Twain*
- *“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.” Nelson Mandela*

Doing what is required afraid is better than not doing it
at all

Don't let the “**Buts**” in your life keep you from moving
forward into God's plan for you.

LIFE LESSON #4: YOU NEVER RISE ABOVE YOUR OWN SELF IMAGE: GOD IDENTITY REQUIRED

- **Numbers 13:33 (NLT)** — We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"
 - *and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.* (NKJV)
- Anak root: “neck”; 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!*

LIFE LESSON #5: ATTITUDE DRIVES ACTION

- **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.
 - Spirit of Humility; Overcame Fear; Believed God; Defended his Leader; Courageous; Did not Compromise with the Majority
 - Caleb's Faith and Courage came from within himself
- Caleb: "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." (Num. 13:30)***

WHAT'S YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

1. Focus on the Promise!
2. Learn to See Beyond Your Obstacles: Size of Your Dream is Determined by the Size of the Obstacle that Stopped You!
3. Don't Let Your "But" Hinder You: Don't Make Excuses!
4. Your Self Image Must Be Your God-Image: God gives you dreams based on your God Image!
5. Attitude Drives Action: Positive Attitude = Positive Results!