**Defeating A Grasshopper’s Mentality**

(Numbers 13:26-33 KJV)

*26 And they went and came to Moses, and Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with the milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the
Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it. 31But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof: and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own right as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*

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e as a people of God must comprehend that in order to reach our destiny that the Land has purposed, we must not base our blessings on sight, but we must blend our faith with the sovereign, and not on the burden of our surroundings. If God says that He will bring you to it; He will definitely bring you through it. Ironically, in this cosmos in which we dwell, there are times in which we are overly consumed with the negatives rather than being comforted with the positive. And many of our miracles and blessing are held hostage by our past, and present radius, our diameters, and spiritual circumferences’ rather than hanging on the hinges of God’s permissive will. And because of our lack of faith in God is so premature—our faith is placed in the incubators of grace and mercy in order that we might grow to trust God and follow His divine orders.

In the text the children of Israel still remains nomadic. This means—they have no authentic place to call home, and have continued to roam the desert in search for the very pinnacle of the promise land that God promised during the Abrahamic covenant. But, the plight to the Promised Land has been consumed with complaints. Their uncomfortable living is captivating—and for forty years they will survive the wilderness experience. God had their backs, they didn’t lack for structure because they had Moses, and they didn’t lack for stability because they had God neither substance because God was their provider. And then suddenly reality sets in, that God has something greater and they must apprehend it. But here’s the monstrosity, there are people dwelling in the land that God has promised to them. And in order for them to claim it as their own territory, they’ll have no fight for it. Surprisingly, they decided to drink from the cup of desert comfort—instead of promise land compromise.

1. **The Commission to Spy the Promised Land:**

(Numbers 13:1-3 KJV)

*1And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. 3And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran; all those men were heads of the children of Israel.*

If you want to step into your destiny, you must listen more than what you talk. The Israelites had a track record of complaining instead of cooperating. The complaining was non-stop from Egypt all the way to the Promised Land. They complained even after God had rescued them from more than 400 years of Egyptian bondage. You remember when He had sent a horrible, hazardous, and horrendous plagues upon the Egyptians don’t you? But they still complained that Moses was bringing them out to die! But, God miraculously allowed the Israelites to cross the Red Sea on dry land. He had given the Israelites manna as bread and quail as meat in the wilderness after complaining that they were hungry, but they still complained.

He had provided better water from bitter water for them when they were thirsty, but they still complained. And God with all of his compassion even prevented their clothes from wearing out as they journeyed toward the Promised Land, but they still complained. No matter how much God did for the people of Israel, they still complained and refused to faithfully obey Him.