

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Things That Will Hinder You from Possessing God's Best

Ice Breaker: What was the best costume you've ever worn?

Read Together: Numbers 13:1-3 (ESV), Numbers 13:17-20 (ESV), Numbers 13:25-27 (ESV)

So, remember, they have been living on warm water and manna and don't ever want to eat quail again... the lushes land of fruit, milk, honey... this sounds really good.... it's everything God told them it was going to be... But then in the next verse... everything shifts...

Read Together: Numbers 13:28 (ESV), Numbers 13:31 (ESV)

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1. ***Elevating problems above God's promises.***

- Numbers 13:30. "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."
- Caleb had God's perspective, not a human perspective. **Read:** Numbers 14:7-8(ESV)

2. ***Making decisions based off of how we feel.***

- **Read:** Numbers 13:32-33 (ESV)
- The spies gave a bad report and instilled fear in the hearts of the people. They doubted that God could enable them to take possession of the land.
- What are the areas of your life that you doubt God can fix?

3. ***Not guarding the words that come out of your mouth.***

- **Read:** Numbers 14:1-4(ESV)
- The people got so wound up, they were ready to go back to slavery. Some giant people and fortified cities made them WANT to be beaten and misused again. What are some ways you slip back into slavery when you encounter challenges?

- God gives us a plan of attack for combatting the human tendency to complain and assume the Worst Case Scenario:

Read Together: Ephesians 4:29 (ESV), James 3:3-6(NIV), Psalm 141:3 (NIV)

- What are some ways you speak corruption?
- How can we take control of our tongue?
- Pray that God will set a guard over your mouth and lips.

4. *Not guarding your heart from negative outside influence.*

Read Together: Proverbs 4:23 (NIV), Numbers 14:10 (ESV), Numbers 14:28-31 (ESV)

- Think of a few negative influences in your life.
- How can you avoid those negative influences?
- If you cannot avoid the negative influences, what can you do to guard your heart from them?

Pray together that God will help you to receive all He has for you.