

CHAPEL

Grapes, Giant, and Grasshoppers What Do You See?

“But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!” But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites.” Numbers 13:30-32

1. Doubt sees the obstacles, faith sees the opportunities.

The circumstances of our life will either shrink or stretch our faith.

“A doubt sees the obstacles, faith sees the way
Doubt sees the darkest night, faith sees the day
Doubt dreads to take a step, faith soars on high
Doubt questions, who believes, faith answers I”

2. Doubt sees what I want rather than what God wants.

“And the people of Israel also began to complain. “Oh, for some meat!” They exclaimed. “We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!” Numbers 11:4-6

“Now the Lord sent a wind that brought quail from the sea and let them fall all around the camp. For miles in every direction there were quail flying about three feet above the ground... But while they were gorging themselves on the meat—while it was still in their mouths—the anger of the Lord blazed against the people, and He struck them with a severe plague.” Numbers 11:31-33

“It takes a heavenly appetite to enjoy heavenly food.”

3. Faith sees the future in light of God's faithfulness in my past.

"Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes."

Deuteronomy 1:29-30

"And in the desert. There you saw how the Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as He did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes." Deuteronomy 1:31

"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord Your God carried you, as a man carries His son." Deuteronomy 1:31

Takeaways:

"If you can find a path with no obstacles it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

"We're all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as unsolvable problems." - Dallas Willard