

Sermon Notes – August 7, 2016
“Giant Challenges”
Numbers 13-14 (selected verses)
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What does Moses want to know about the land, and what do those scouting out the land discover? (Numbers 13:17-25)

- Put into your own words the rationale of the majority of the scouting party that it would be unwise to try to take the land. (Numbers 13:26-33)
- Caleb has a different viewpoint (Numbers 13:30). What accounts for Caleb’s confidence that they can take the land? (Numbers 14:6-9, also Numbers 13:1-2).

At this point in Israel’s history there was a direct relationship between God’s blessing and their possession of the land, but this became less so over time. When Jesus arrived, the Promised Land was under the control of Rome. Apply what we see in Caleb’s approach to the taking of the land to blessings such as:

- A church that is alive, praying, serving, and where people genuinely love one another.
- Relationships with people characterized by depth and mutual edification.
- A relationship with God that is a source of confidence and joy no matter what life throws at you.