



The Power of a Bad Perspective and Isolated by a Progressive Perspective

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Part Three

Sermon Series Described

1. The Power and Impact of Your Perspective (It can define your potential)
2. The Power of a Bad Perspective (From Two Perspectives, Pastor Rick and Sheila Bishop)
3. Isolation the High Price of a Different Perspective (Numbers 14)
4. The Tragic Results of a Dishonest Perspective (It can destroy your potential, Numbers 14)

Statement: If you are going to be successful you must learn how to be isolated as you work to progress. A progressive perspective demands isolation

Text: Numbers 14:30

- 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, **except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.**

Statement:

- Isolation is necessary during certain seasons of your life. You can't learn, develop, or reach your full potential in some cases unless you are isolated. Paul took an extreme view and decided to stay single (I Corinthians 7:8).
- God took an extreme view and isolated the Levites and gave them one assignment and no inheritance.¹ Jesus took an extreme view and discipled 12 ordinary guys to spread the gospel around the world. Most of them had not traveled far but became amazing missionaries

I. Four Isolating Facts the Younger In Israel Had to Face

1. Those that were 19 years and younger **had to accept a future without the older leaders**
2. Those who were 19 years and younger **had to attend thousands of funerals**
3. Those who were younger **had to dream beyond their parents and grandparents**
4. Those who were younger **had to learn to prosper while those close to them were judged**

Another Example of Isolation:

II. Four Isolating Facts About David's Life That Were Hard to Manage

¹ Deuteronomy 18:1 The Levitical priests—indeed, the whole tribe of Levi—are to have no allotment or inheritance with Israel. They shall live on the food offerings presented to the Lord, for that is their inheritance. (NIV)



1. He had to face his Goliath alone (I Samuel 17)
2. He had to fight without hope that his family would jump in
3. He had to fight his own sexual temptations (2 Samuel 11)
4. He had to encourage himself and try again (I Samuel 30:6)

III. Four Isolating Facts I Have Had to Face

1. I will **work alone** most of the time
2. I will not always have people **empathizing** with me
3. I will **not always be able to share all my blessings**
4. I will **not always have young people in my life (This changed their relationship)**

Closing Questions:

1. What does it feel like to be two out of **12** like Joshua and Caleb
2. What did it feel like to be on the wrong side and be told “too slow.”?
3. What does it feel like to have no hope and walk in circles for years?

Next Time: The Tragic Results of a Dishonest Perspective (It can destroy your potential, Numbers 14)