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“Finishing Full”
Numbers 13-14, Joshua 14

Everyone finishes. But not everyone finishes full of faith!

Numbers 13:1-2, 27-28, 30-32 (NIV)
1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites.”

27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.” 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

Numbers 14:2-4, 7-10 (NIV)
2 …“If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?”

7 … “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is

with us. Do not be afraid of them." [10] But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.

Numbers 14:24 (NIV)
[24] But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Joshua 14:7-8, 10-14 (NIV)
[7] I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, [8] but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.

[10] "… So here I am today, eighty-five years old! [11] I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. [12] Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said." [13] Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. [14] So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

A Checklist for Finishing Full of Faith

1. Finishing full requires total surrender.

   2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV)
   "[9] For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

   - Surrender is a present decision, not a "someday" decision.
   - Surrender is the path to joy, peace, purpose, and fruitfulness.

   "If you do not surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos." – E. Stanley Jones

How Much of Me Does God Really Have?

0	5	10
I'm completely closed to God in my life.	I give God some space in my life, but I'm not fully surrendered.	I'm fully surrendered to God – whatever, whenever, and wherever!

2. Finishing full requires courageous faith.

- A bad report is the greatest challenge to our faith!
  - A bad report leaves God out of the story.
  - A bad report spreads fear.
  - A bad report pressures everyone to conform.

Numbers 14:8 (NIV)
"8 If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land...

How Willing Am I To Stand Alone?

0	5	10
I avoid standing out for God.	I'll stand for God if the crowd isn't against me.	I'm willing to stand for God regardless of the majority, the mocking, or the cost!

3. Finishing full refuses to play it safe.

How Willing Am I To Risk for God?

0	5	10
My life is about safety and comfort.	I take small risks for God when it feels manageable.	I'm willing to take bold risks for God because my life belongs to Him!