The question is asked, granted the spies lacked faith in G-d’s word that He would enable the Jewish people to conquer the land, but where do you see that they despised the land of Israel! Maybe they loved it but were just afraid they couldn’t conquer it.” Rav Avrohom Pam z’tl answers this question with the following Halachic principle. The Talmud says that you cannot give a gift to an unborn child. Such a transaction is not valid. However, the exception to that rule is that a father can transfer a gift to his unborn child.
What’s the difference between a father and someone else? Explains Rav Pam, the reason a gift is not binding to a fetus is because the donor’s intention is not wholehearted. Not every fetus is viable, it may not survive and if it does, there is a risk of birth damage and the child will not be able to use the gift. Therefore, these doubts cause the donor’s gift to be non-binding. A father is different. He has such intense love for the child that the possibility of anything going wrong does not enter his mind. His gift to the unborn child is absolute and that makes a binding transaction. The take away lesson from here is that when there is a deep love, one does not think or see what might go wrong. If the spies truly loved the land of Israel, they would never have come back with a negative report. As King Solomon says in Proverbs 10:12, “Love covers up all defects.” This concept is especially true in inter-personal relationships. Many times the reason we find fault with people is because we don’t have a great love for them in the first place. If we truly loved people, we wouldn’t be so quick to see their faults. The sin of the spies took place on the ninth day of the month of Av. This sin is what eventually lead to the future destruction of our Holy Temple. As our sages tell us, the Bais Hamikdash was destroyed because of Sinas Chinam, (baseless hatred), which in turn causes Machlokes, (fights-arguments), which is devastating to the Jewish people. A little more Ahavas Chinam, (indiscriminate love), is the antidote we need to rectify the sin of the spies and bring the redemption of our people and the coming of Moshiach, may he come speedily in our days.

(Sefer – Twerski on Chumash)

Wishing you an inspiring Shabbos.

Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein
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