

OUTLINE 01/25/26  
Avoid Doubting  
Numbers 13:1-14:11 (NIV)

**Doubt** is a lack of confidence or assurance that God will keep His promises.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders." Numbers 13:1-2

- God places regular tests of faith before His children.

<sup>26</sup> They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community... <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there..."

<sup>30</sup> 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." <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

<sup>32</sup> And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size... We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." Numbers 13:26-33

- Doubt sees obstacles, faith sees opportunities.

<sup>1</sup> That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!"

<sup>3</sup> 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?" <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt." Numbers 14:1-4

- Doubt is contagious.
- Doubt can lead to despair.
- Doubt must be replaced with faith.

**How to Receive Christ:**

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why do we doubt God?
2. In what ways is doubt contagious?
3. In what ways does doubt lead to despair?
4. How can we live with faith?