

# FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

## *Numbers 13:26-14:9*

Throughout life, we must all face the fear of the unknown again and again in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ experiences  
Christians can learn how to face the unknown from the history of \_\_\_\_\_ which happened as examples for us  
When Israel came to the Promised Land, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ idea to send to spies in to search out the land  
The Israelites had modern ideas: information & \_\_\_\_\_ are the antidotes for the fear of the unknown  
The history of Israel teaches us that handling fear of the unknown boils down to a choice—a choice of \_\_\_\_\_

### I. THE MAJORITY REPORT—THE VOICE OF THE MAJORITY

#### A. “Giants” Focused on the \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) They magnified the obstacles instead of magnifying the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) They put their problems under a microscope: “we were like \_\_\_\_\_ in our own sight”
  - b) If you want to fear the unknown, don’t praise & worship God, don’t \_\_\_\_\_ on His attributes
- 2) They magnified the disadvantages instead of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) There are pros & cons to every experience, but we inspire \_\_\_\_\_ by focusing on the downside
  - b) Jan Turner: “Gaze at the promises. Glance at the \_\_\_\_\_. God will always see us through.”

#### B. “Can’t” Spotlighted Their \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) “Can’t” is a cancer that eventually causes \_\_\_\_\_; we need to cut it out of our dictionaries
- 2) We must never say “can’t” when God says we can or we must—when God promises or \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. “Why” Questioned God’s \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Their Questions Had Good \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Would it not have been better for us to return to \_\_\_\_\_? No, not when God opened the door!
  - b) Why did God bring us to this land? Because it had been His sovereign plan for \_\_\_\_\_ of yrs
  - c) The answers to these types of fearful questions are found in the \_\_\_\_\_—that’s why we study it
- 2) They Questioned God instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
They questioned God when they should have questioned themselves: a) Why do we \_\_\_\_\_ to take what God has promised? b) Why are these ten spies trying to \_\_\_\_\_ us? (wrong voice)

### II. THE MINORITY REPORT—THE VOICE OF THE MINORITY

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- 1) Israel forgot the promises of God: Caleb reminded them that God promised them the land of \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) In our Bible study, we ought to note \_\_\_\_\_ of God—write them down & can claim them later

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- 1) The 2 spies claimed Israel could take the land because of what \_\_\_\_\_ had done since they left Egypt
- 2) The unknown inspires fear because we do not know what we will need to face it, but \_\_\_\_\_ does!

#### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- 1) There is no unknown to the all-knowing God: If our God goes with us, what have we to \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2) Dr. Bob Jones Sr: “God and you make a \_\_\_\_\_ “ This is exactly what the 2 spies said to Israel