

Fear or Faith

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[0:00] Numbers 13. We'll pick up our reading in verse 17 and read through chapter 14 and verse 9. When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, 'Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country.

See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kinds of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified?

How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees on it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land. It was the season for the first ripe grapes.

So they went up and explored the land from the desert of Zin as far as Rehob toward Lebo-Hemath. They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron where Ahayim, Sheshi, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived.

Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt. When they reached the valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

[1:10] That place was called the valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. At the end of 40 days, they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the desert of Paran.

There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 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. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev.

The Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. And the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan. 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.

But the men who had gone up with him said, We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are. And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

[2:15] They said the land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there of great size. We saw the Nephilim there. The descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim. We seem like grasshoppers in our own eyes.

And we look the same to them. That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 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.

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?

And they said to each other, We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there.

Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

[3:19] 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. Only do not rebel against the Lord.

And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.

Do you know these guys?

Of course you don't. They're the forgotten ten spies who responded in fear. Joshua, Caleb, of course you know them.

But why? Because they answered and responded to the situation in faith. All were in the same circumstances, viewing the same things in the land.

[4:25] Ten responded in fear. Two responded in faith. And this trial of faith at Kadesh Barnea is full of instruction for us.

Brothers and sisters, whether you realize it or not, you are in Kadesh Barnea dozens of times every year. And the issue is the same.

Will it be fear or faith? Fear that cripples us and dishonors God? Or faith that frees us and glorifies God?

Two weeks ago, we saw that the most repeated command in the Scriptures is, Do not be afraid.

And in that command, we saw that God knows our proneness to fear.

And He sympathizes with us. And He comes to us to help us deal with fear. And He comes not only to free us, but to glorify Himself.

[5:36] We saw what a revealing thing fear is. It reveals our idols, things that we must have or else we come undone. It reveals situations that make us completely inadequate and insufficient.

We saw the reasons not to fear because of God, who He is, what He's promised, what He's done, His presence.

We saw the remedy for fear, as David put it, when I am afraid, I will trust in God. The remedy for fear is faith.

And so today, we come back to this situation at Kadesh Barnea. And we want to see some of the principles in action in this real-life story and make application to our own lives.

So from Numbers chapter 13, the Israelites are in Kadesh Barnea, on the very border of the promised land. For hundreds of years, they've been in cruel slavery to the Egyptians.

[6:45] And then the time came to fulfill God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The promise of God's covenant to give to His people a land of their very own.

And so He brings them out of Egypt with a mighty arm, with plagues and signs and wonders. He brings them out into the desert at Mount Sinai and gives them His written law and enters into a covenant with them as a nation.

You will be my people and I will be your God. And about two months later, He brings them through the wasting desert to the very porch of the promised land.

This was it. This was what they, as a people, had been waiting for for hundreds of years. A land of their own. And God's message to them through Moses is this.

See, the Lord your God has given you the land. Now go up and take possession of it as the Lord, the God of your fathers, told you.

[8:00] Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. Now there's our command. Is it not a wonderful thing to think that the God who holds the stars, the billions of stars in their proper place, also knows the very emotions of my heart and what is causing me to be afraid.

And He comes to me with this consoling word. Do not be afraid. Intimate concern for each of His children.

Well, the twelve leaders are sent to spy out the land. And at the end of forty days, they return from their exploration. Forty days in Scripture is often a period of trial.

For indeed, this would not only be a trial and test of the twelve spies, but indeed of all Israel. So they come back. And as the whole assembly gathers around, they gave their report to Moses.

We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey. It's just as God has promised. He said it would be a land flowing with milk and honey.

[9:13] And it is a land of superabundance. Here's its fruit. And there's this huge cluster of grapes that's so big that two men must carry it between a pole.

And then He pulls out. They display the pomegranates and figs to the oohs and ahs of all Israel, who are pressing in to get a closer look. The land is unbelievably good.

But, but the people, but the city, but the giants. Now fear begins to speak.

The people who live there are powerful and stronger than we are. The cities are fortified and very large. With walls up to the sky.

You might as well forget about scaling those walls. And then the giants. We even saw the descendants of Anak there. Giant, oversized men.

[10:14] They're not jolly green giants. They're fierce fighters. Monster men. Now, do you see what fear does?

This is the first lesson for today. Fear focuses on the problems. Fear preoccupies us with the obstacles.

With the difficulties. So that our eyes are no longer fixed on Jesus. It makes us forget all about God. His presence. His promises. His past deliverances.

Because all we can see are the problems. Now, what did God say about the promised land? Well, he had not only said that it was a land flowing with milk and honey.

And that it was a land occupied by all sorts of people. But he had said, I will drive them out before you. I will be with you.

[11:11] I will give you that land. I will fight for you. Well, that puts a whole different slant on the problems, doesn't it? But this is all forgotten as it's the giants that have the spotlight and the center stage for now.

You've been to a play. And the stage is dark. And all over the stage, there are characters. But there's one in the center stage.

And a beam of light is fixed upon him. Such that that's the only person you see on the stage.

Fear focuses the spotlight on our problems. All they saw were the people, the cities, the giants. And fear begins to spread like wildfire through the camp of Israel.

Oh, no. What are we going to do now? And the mouths are no longer watering with desire over the fruits of the land. Stomachs are now nodding over the problems in the land.

[12:16] And one of the spies, Caleb, perceives what is happening. He can't help but see it. They're all murmuring to each other. And so he quiets them.

Now, remember, Caleb has seen the same people, the same cities. The same walls, the same giants. And he says, verse 30, We should go up and take possession of the land for we can certainly do it.

We can is the response of faith. This is faith talking now. We can. It's Paul's. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Whatever God calls me to. Does he call me to be content in this circumstance of prosperity? I can be content with Christ in the midst of prosperity.

Does he call me to be content in the situation of poverty? I can, through Christ, be content in poverty. Does he call us to go into a land occupied by fierce looking people?

[13:29] I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Does he call me to this cross? Does he call me to this suffering? I can do it.

We can is the response of faith. But Caleb's response is immediately drowned out by the ten fearful spies. And they're singing the blues. This is a different genre of music altogether.

Their song is, we can't, we can't, we can't. No, we can't. Notice it in verse 31. We can't attack those people.

They are stronger than we are. You see, they're feeling inadequate. They're feeling overwhelmed.

They're feeling insufficient. The situation in there, in the promised land, is too much for us.

So we can't go forward. Just as we can is the response of faith. So we can't is the response of fear. We can't handle this.

[14:31] It's too much for us. It's beyond my ability. We've seen the enemy. They're stronger than we are. And the giants. They keep returning to these big guys.

It's like they're the stress of the report. They come back to them again, these descendants of the Nephilim. Why, they're so big, verse 33.

That beside them, we seemed like grasshoppers in our eyes. And we look the same to them. The second lesson is that fear not only focuses on our problems, it exaggerates them.

Fear exaggerates our problems. Do you know how much bigger a person is than a grasshopper? Whether you weigh them or measure them, I'm sure it's over hundreds of times.

Over a hundred times bigger. A person is a hundred times bigger at least than a grasshopper. Now, do you think for a moment that the giants in the land were really a hundred times bigger than the average Israelite?

[15:39] Only even Goliath was only nine foot six inches tall. Maybe a third bigger than the rest of men. This is exaggeration. But that is the language of fear.

Fear exaggerates the problems. They also spoke of cities with walls up to the skies. Deuteronomy 1.28 Do you know that fear rarely sees things truly, clearly, in perspective with reality, as things really are?

It rather exaggerates our dangers and makes them far bigger than what they ever will be or could be. At Halloween, you've seen these creatures in the front yards of people.

Maybe you've got one. I shouldn't talk down about them. But there are these big creatures. And there's a fan mechanism or something that is going and it blows them up and they're full of air. And in the night, with a spotlight on them, they can look scary. But in the morning, the fan's unplugged.

[16:54] And they're just a flat piece of plastic laying in the front yard. And in the morning light, there's nothing scary about them at all. Now, I ask you, have you not laid at night awake thinking about your problems and found them to be far bigger than what they were in the morning light?

Fear exaggerates our dangers, our problems. It focuses and it blows them up. Now, these fearful spies actually spread a bad report, verse 32 says.

In addition, they actually spread an untrue, a false report about the land. They said the land we explored devours those living in it.

As if the land was so hostile that it actually swallowed up its inhabitants. There's wild animals. There's famine.

The ground just opens up and swallows people. This was a lie. The land was good. They had said so themselves. But now they're spreading a bad report saying that what was good is really bad.

[18:15] It's really not worth having anyway. That's what fear makes a man say. It's a lie. It's a lie. And that leads us to our third lesson about fear.

At the bottom of our fears are lies that feed and sustain our fears. What keeps these fears that control us so strong?

Well, those fears are feeding on lies. They've got their roots down into this riverbed of lies. And the lie feeds the fear.

When I'm afraid of being rejected by people, and so I don't witness to them, I am for the moment believing the lie that what people think about me is more important than what God thinks about me.

That's simply a lie. And it's feeding my fear with a frenzy. When I'm worrying about some painful trial because it's so bad that I can't see anything good coming from it, that's a lie.

[19:23] Because as one of God's children, who's been called according to His purpose, He has promised that nothing will happen to me, but what He will cause to turn to my good.

That's the truth. I'm fearful of a job loss. That's a lie. You know what the lie is when we're afraid of our job being lost?

It's that God cannot provide for me unless I keep this job. Folks, the God that fed Elijah with ravens from heaven is not one to be dictated to as to how He'll take care of you, but He will.

Has He not promised? But we believe the lie. He can't provide for me if I don't have this job. It's a lie. I'm fearful of the full economic depression, the recession sinking into a further depression, a total collapse of the stock market, hyperinflation on our money.

You know what the lie is at the bottom of that? My security depends on the stock market making a recovery. No, it doesn't. It depends on God being able to provide for all my needs.

[20:38] I'm fearful of failure. Fear. And the lie is that my worth is wrapped up in whether or not I succeed. I'm fearful of losing good health.

And the lie is I've got to be healthy to be happy. I'm fearful of death. The lie is it's the very worst thing that could happen to me.

No, it's not. If you're a Christian, then to die is gain. It's better by far. When fears are threatening the loss of something valuable or someone very important to me, the lie is that God is not good.

He's not committed to doing what's best for me. That's a lie. It's the lie that God is not really wise because he doesn't know as well as I what is best for me.

That's a lie. When I'm afraid that something is going to be taken from me that's so important and I must have it. And that's why I'm beside myself with fear. It's the lie that God is not sovereign.

[21:50] He's not in full control of this situation and able to do what is best for me. Yes, he wants what is best for me. He's good. He knows what is best for me.

He's all wise. And he's able to do what's best for me because he's sovereign over all things. Oh, one of the most common lies beneath our fears, brethren, is that God does not love us.

God does not love us. He really doesn't have my best interest at heart. And it's more common than we might realize at first. It was one of the lies behind Israel's fears.

That's what's feeding this fear frenzy in Israel. God doesn't love us. Listen to Deuteronomy 127.

Moses says, You grumbled in your tents and said...

He's there at Kedosh Barnea. This is the scene. And you grumbled in your tents and said, The Lord hates us. So he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us.

[22 : 55] And so you're afraid because you don't think God loves you. You think he brought you out of Egypt just to destroy you. What irrational lies feed, irrational fears that lead on to sinful actions.

There are lies lurking at the bottom of our fears, and often several of them. Brothers and sisters, if you would deal with your fears, deal with the lies that are feeding them.

So when you're afraid, ask yourself, What is the lie that I am believing? John, step back and ask God to show you what lie am I presently believing that has got me so petrified with fear?

Lies only carry their power to terrorize as long as they lie uncovered. So dig them up.

Get them into the light of the day. Get them into the light of God's Word. All lies, once they're exposed, scare no more.

[24 : 01] It's just a little puppy dog that pulled back the curtain on the Wizard of Oz. And that creature that was so scary seemed to be a harmless man.

Toto, this Word will pull back the curtain on all your fears and show you the lie. It'll expose it.

If you see things as they really are, God's Word defines reality. Your fears will melt away. God loves us, children of God. He will do all things for our good.

He's too good to be unkind for us. Now, there is a truth in our fears. It's not all lies. And the truth in our fears is that we are indeed insufficient for the situation.

My problem is really greater than my ability to solve it. The obstacles are too big for me to overcome. It requires more strength, more patience, more love, more perseverance than I have.

[25 : 09] Well, then let your fears serve you. Let them serve you like an alarm clock. Fear. When you get afraid, it's like an alarm clock. John, wake up. Wake up.

Because when fear is reigning, faith is napping. And fear ought to wake us up. It ought to wake up fear. Or wake up faith.

And once faith awakens, fear loses its controlling power over us. We can see something of the lies beneath Israel's fear of their enemies.

They're afraid of their enemies. What they're up against is bigger and stronger than they are. And the lie is this, that if what you're up against is bigger and stronger than you are, then you're doomed. That's the lie. It's saying God won't take care of me, so I've got to do it myself. And if I can't do it myself, I'm in big trouble.

[26 : 11] No, if I'm not adequate to handle this problem on my own, then I'm not going to be all out of sorts. I'm not going to be unable to cope. No, that's when it's time for faith to wake up.

You know that life is full of things that are bigger and stronger than you are. Your children will throw knuckleballs your way that you can't hit. You can't even know how to deal with that situation.

It's beyond you. Life comes at... Life in a fallen world is something that makes us constantly get in way over our heads.

We are overwhelmed. We don't know what to do. But that's no reason to despair. That's just reason to say, wake up, faith. It's time to look up and see our God.

There's no room for despair as long as He lives. And He lives for me. That's what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 1, 8-10. He says, I suffered hardships.

[27 : 13] My life was threatened. I was under great pressures. Far beyond our ability to endure. Life gets that way here on earth.

But these things happened not to paralyze us with fear, but that we might not rely on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us and He will deliver us.

But that's precisely what's missing at Kadesh Barnea. Most are not seeing God in the picture. Their vision is entirely taken up with giants and walled cities.

And the longer they look at them and think about them, the bigger they grow. Fear focuses on and exaggerates the problems in isolation from any consideration of God.

He's not in the picture at all. Now, the fourth lesson is that fear is contagious. I would say more contagious than the swine flu.

[28:19] One man's fear feeds another man's fears. Do you still remember the images of 9-11 that we saw on the television set? Folks, I was sitting in a safe place in my basement, sitting on the couch watching the television.

There was no danger to me but just seeing the fear in those people's eyes. Just brought fear in mind. Fear is contagious. That's not hard to see.

And what started in the hearts of ten spies soon gripped the entire Israelite community. We read that that very night they're all loudly weeping, despairing with fear.

And they're saying, if only we died in Egypt or in the desert. Why is it that the Lord is 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? And they said to each other, we should choose a leader and go back to Egypt. They all were lending their voice to the song, We Can't.

[29:27] We Can't. Where'd they hear that in the first place? They heard it from the ten spies. And they've already lost the battle in their minds before one arrow has been shot.

We're going to fall by the sword and our precious wives and children are going to be the plunder. The battle's over in their minds. That's what fear does. And the battle with fear had been lost in their minds because fear is contagious.

You know, those ten spies were leaders in Israel and they used their leadership influence to strike terror in the hearts of the rest of the congregation.

And for it, they were struck down dead before the Lord. You can read it later on in chapter 14 of Numbers. And they died that very day. Fear is contagious.

But then, faith too is contagious. Have you noticed that? You've been around a person of faith and you fellowship with them and you hear about their experience and you hear about what God has done for them and your faith is stimulated by their faith.

[30:41] And you're stirred to expect greater things from God. They've just shared with you how God answered a prayer and now you pray with greater expectation. And you see what they're attempting for God and their faith stirs you to tempt greater things for God.

You hear how they witnessed to someone and God gave them strength to bear witness and there's some spine put up your back and you find faith is strengthened to speak to someone about the Savior.

Faith gets sleepy and then someone else who takes God at His word comes alongside of us and we're awakened.

Faith is awakened. So what are you spreading? We're all either spreading faith or fear. What are you spreading around here? Do you encourage the response of we can or we can't?

Our negativity can spread a blanket thick enough to quench the zeal of faith in another. The obstacles are too great. It's never been done before.

[31:49] It'll probably fail. It's too hard. We can't. Or rather stretch yourself out in faith upon God's sure word of promise and others who come around you will go away saying we can.

By the grace of God we can. The fifth lesson is that fear easily leads us on to other sins. You see our fears are not harmless things.

They dishonor God. There's more than one reason to do battle with fear. It's not just that it cripples and paralyzes us and it's very uncomfortable to worry. Some people have settled in with that and said I'm going to be a worry wart and I'll take it with biting my nails.

Friends, there's a bigger reason. Fear dishonors God. Fear leads to other dishonoring sins. They turn us away from God and they lead us by the hand into all sorts of sins.

Those who are afraid are soon found what? Grumbling against the Lord's leaders, Moses and Aaron. They're soon found criticizing God's plan of redeeming them out of Egypt and they're saying we should go back, we should have never left, we should have died in the wilderness.

[33:05] They're slandering God, they're charging him with folly and hatred. Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword and so on? Better to go back to Egypt.

Have they forgotten so quickly? Back to the gulag? Back to slave labor? Indeed, verse 10 tells us they were ready to stone their leaders and find a new leader to take them back.

That tells me that fear is so powerful that it'll take you by the hand and lead you to murder as well as all these other sins of grumbling, criticizing God, slandering God.

Verse 11 of chapter 14 tells us that they were treating God with contempt. They treated God as if he was a nobody and they refused to believe in him.

They were calling him a liar. Their fears led them to rebel against the command of the Lord their God who told them to go into the land and so in fear they refused to obey him.

[34 : 11] Psalm tells us in Psalm 106 24 and Deuteronomy 126. They're rebelling against the Lord because of their fear. And Joshua and Caleb put their finger on the problem.

Look at chapter 14 and verse 9 when they say only do not rebel against the Lord and do not be afraid of the people of the land.

Fear is at the bottom of their rebellion and all these other sins. And so it is with us. Fear pushes us to do things we otherwise would not do.

To sin against God. Lying and deceiving. Why do people lie? It's often out of fear. Why does holy Abram lie about his wife Sarai?

Because he's afraid that the king will kill him to get her. And the lie is that God can't protect me. But fear would take him down the path of lying, of breaking that ninth command that we just recited.

[35 : 18] Fear will shut our mouths so we'll not witness to another, will not stand up and speak a word for the truth or for God, for our Savior. fear will cause us to not exercise our gifts in church.

We're afraid we'll fail. Perhaps to not lead out in prayer, to forsake the meeting of the church, because we're afraid of people to not give to the Lord, lest we won't have anything left for us.

Afraid to obey any command that will mean a risk to us. Oh, if I obey that command, then what will happen to this cherished thing in my life?

Sin of unbelief, worrying about tomorrow because we fear God won't take care of us, not rejoicing in the Lord because we're petrified with fear, grumbling and complaining, not loving our neighbor because we're so preoccupied with our own fears we don't even have a vision of meeting the needs.

You see, all these are sins that fear leads us into and many more. Fear is a mother's sin. Look for her children. You'll find them. They're all over the place.

[36 : 29] And left unchecked, fear gives birth to all sorts of rebellion just as it did the Israelites. So in coming to deliver us from fear, when God comes and says, my child, do not fear, he comes to deliver us from a whole bunch of sins.

Blessed be his name. How kind, how merciful to say, do not fear. fear. Well, at last we see Joshua and Caleb's faith in the fear.

Producing circumstances here in verses 7 through 9. Listen to faith speaking. They say, in verse 7, the land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

The Lord is pleased with us. He will lead us into that land, the land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord, and do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up.

Their protection is gone. The Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them. The Lord, the Lord, the Lord. Three times.

[37 : 35] He will lead us into that land. He will give it to us. He is with us. Boy, is that refreshing. Somebody finally sees the Lord in this picture. It's Joshua and Kaylee.

That's the sixth lesson. Faith sees God in every situation. Fear says, we can't. The people are stronger than we are. The giants are bigger than we are.

And faith says, the reference point is wrong. The reference point is wrong. What matters not is this is not what we are. But what God in His face says, yes, the people are stronger.

They're not stronger than the Lord. Yes, the giants are bigger. They're not bigger than God. Yes, the city walls are higher than our age. But our God is over higher than Heaven than He doesn't ever please.

Amen. Faith refuses to look at any situation without seeing God in His life. And nothing will sustain it when you see God in His life.

[38 : 42] Giants look like grasshoppers in relation to God. Fortified cities look like moldings in relation to God. All the nations together, not just those in the promise, all the nations together look like nothing and even less than God being according to Isaiah in comparison to God.

Fear exaggerates our problems, magnifies faith, shrinks them right down to size. And that's why faith is able to look at impossible situations without fear and say, we can.

We can. But it seems God is with us. God is with us. Who can be against us? Now, ten spies missed him, two spies saw him.

And it's always this way. Faith sees what fear prevents. Some see thought in this situation, others see over the giant. It was that way in the valley of Elah back there. Forty days of the listening giant named Goliath was taunting the army of Israel.

Interesting, forty days of pride, testing going on here. Give me a man, let us fight, each other. And every other Israel I can feel about, including Saul, was dismayed and terrified, no one would fight, but we can't, as Israel's battle, it's on the forty days.

[40 : 10] They failed to see Goliath in relation to God. But that God was nowhere inside. Only saw Goliath. And they made it from the top of his head to the top of their heads.

And they said, wow, yes, he's bigger than us. and they ran into the to their tents. Number forty of them, a teenage boy, comes into the field of battle with a different way of measuring.

As he sizes up the dimension, he's not measuring down the distance from Goliath's dead to his. Ah, that would be about twice the size of the baby.

Rather, he's measuring upward from the top of Goliath's dead, up to Mahoma, to heaven. He says he's not measuring.

He's fully the peace of the people. Who is this blasphemy most certain size of the enemy to defy the living God and his armies?

[41 : 16] He saw God. And everybody else only saw giants. That's what faith does. It sees God in every situation. Right away, the leader of the choir saw the evening that comes today and sings The theme song we can't.

You can't. You can't go fight him. He's a seasoned warrior. You're only a boy. They said I can and I will. Because as I was watching my father sheep one day bear being and took a lamb away.

And one day it was a lion who did the same. I went after them. And when they turned on me I smoked and killed them. And the God who delivered me from the fall of the father there was a God in heaven folks and faith sees him.

And sees him in the battles of life. You're never a slave to fear that you are not in the God you never need to be a slave to fear.

There's everything in the world Jesus Christ is such and free. And there's something that your faith is not seeing about him. Faith is looking and seeing by faith Moses left Egypt not fearing the king's anger.

[42 : 53] He persevered because he saw him who is invisible. How can you see someone who did you? He saw God through the eyes of faith. Because this will tell you there's a God in heaven.

And faith sees him there as certain as the things of earth as I see and sense the things that are just as you fail.

It isn't it it's being sure of what we do not see. So look to the Lord and his strength and see his face always.

Run the race looking unto Jesus. Don't let him out of your sight. Fix your eyes on him. Go to work. You must see that job situation in relation to him.

You go to school and see your homework friends the pressure is here and you see it all in relation! sitting there if I might get I will not be shaken in fear.

[43 : 57] See your living Lord ever before you that's what Joshua and capable and Moses calling to his heart.

Don't be afraid of remembering that you have seen kids puzzle books and there is a picture and what you don't readily see is that there are 10 cats in that tree in any direction you see 5 and 10 cats in circles if you can't look the one that's part of the leaves of that tree you did see a male! and the others found these pebbles! and but as you start to look you start to see a friend I don't know where you go and you call and you call him to look up and see him he's there faint and see him and everybody else sees only giants and people in the glory of service you know this very same part of majority of years and not to all the same people they died off in the wilderness as their judgment for not entering and under the way to the people but the next generation is there and now here they are 40 years now in 20 all the way the promise changed promise life still the power of the giant is not sure neither of the city walls sin issues will they respond in faith or fear same man will not time to read it will read the

Bible Joshua 1 9 do not be afraid or terrified same command the Lord your God goes with you he'll never leave you nor forsake you the one thing that was there was their response they responded to they said we can't they didn't cave into their years they met them fresh day in God 40 years may You know some of you are standing in front of the gospel of Jesus' offering eternal life.

He always is, and Jesus also is privileged. Some of you are feared by taking what will happen to you.

[47 : 19] You are afraid what will happen to you. If you are not willing to lose your life, you really will lose your life. It is a matter of fear. The devil has stirred up all sorts of fears.

Do you notice at the bottom of those lies? Lies. God is not good. You can't trust Him with your life. Oh my friend, the truth of the gospel is there is no one good but God. Trust yourself in Him. He will do you good.

Come along with us, and the Lord will do you good and show you good. Don't keep it in your dreams. Come to Jesus Christ.