

# Faith needed for the Promised Land

**Joshua & Caleb  
Numbers 13, 14**



**1) Faith Comes from Hearing**  
(Spending Time with the Father)

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## Exploring Canaan (Numbers 13)

**1**The Lord said to Moses, **2**“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.”

**3**So at the Lord’s command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran.

All of them were leaders of the Israelites. **4**These are their names:

from the tribe of Reuben,  
**5**from the tribe of Simeon,  
**6**from the tribe of Judah,  
**7**from the tribe of Issachar,  
**8**from the tribe of Ephraim,  
**9**from the tribe of Benjamin,  
**10**from the tribe of Zebulun,  
**11**from the tribe of Manasseh  
**12**from the tribe of Dan,  
**13**from the tribe of Asher,  
**14**from the tribe of Naphtali,  
**15**from the tribe of Gad,

Shammua son of Zakkur;  
Shaphat son of Hori;  
Caleb son of Jephunneh;  
Igal son of Joseph;  
Joshua son of Nun;  
Palti son of Raphu;  
Gaddiel son of Sodi;  
Gaddi son of Susi;  
Ammiel son of Gemalli;  
Sethur son of Michael;  
Nahbi son of Vophsi;  
Geuel son of Maki.

**16**These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land.

(Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)



## **Twelve Spies are Sent out:**

Numbers 13: **17**When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. **18**See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. **19**What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? **20**How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in 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.)

**21**So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. **22**They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) **23**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. **24**That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. **25**At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.



# The Reality

Numbers 13: **26** Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. **27** Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. **28** Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. **29** The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”

**30** Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”

**31** But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we.” **32** And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of great stature. **33** There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

## All the Israelites Grumble

Numbers 14: **1** That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. **2** 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 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?” **4** And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

# Q. How do we get this kind of faith?

Numbers 14: **5** Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. **6** Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes **7** and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “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.

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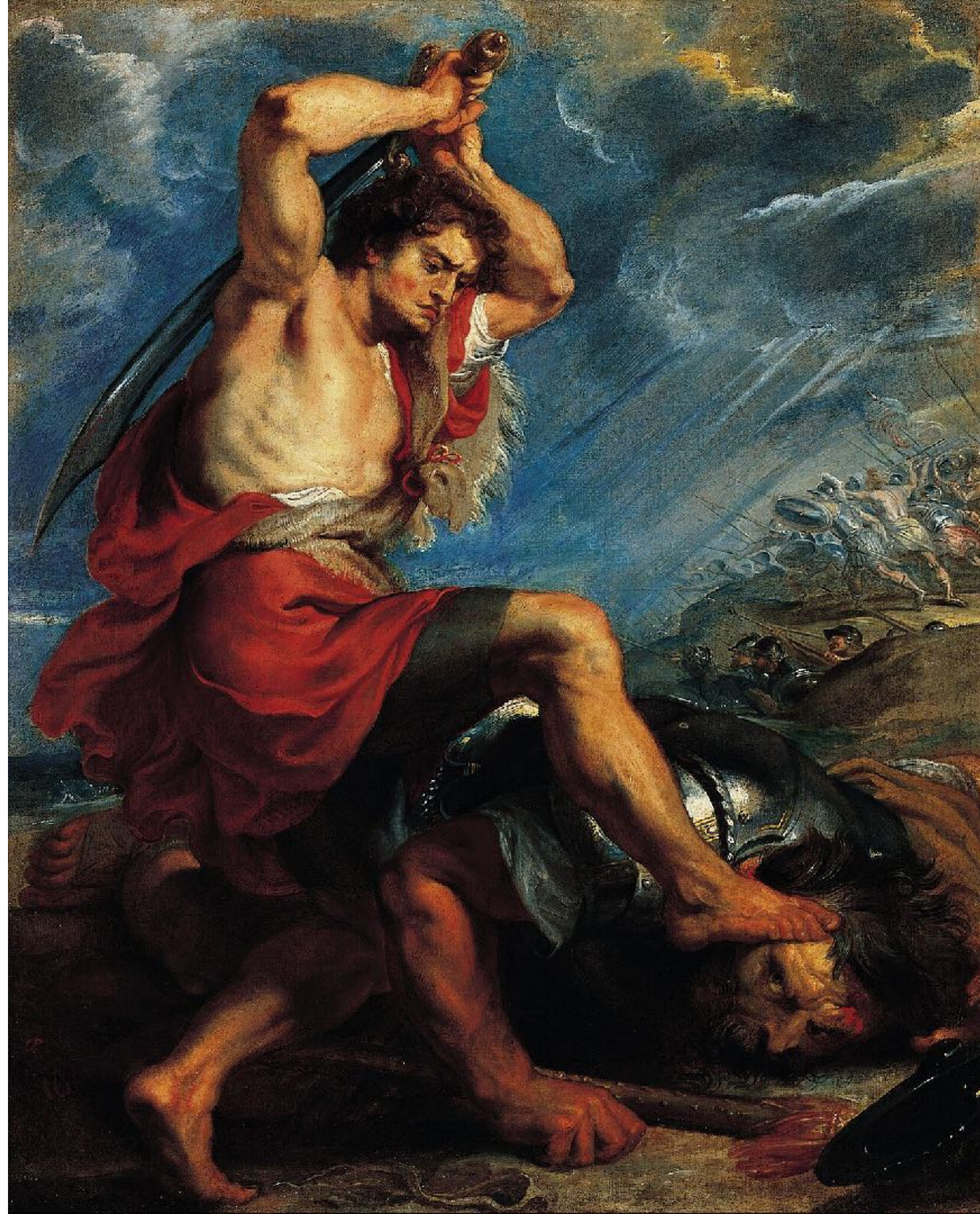
because we will devour them.

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.

# Q. Is it optional to have this kind of faith?





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# 1) Faith Comes from Hearing the Word

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## Hebrews 11:1

Now Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

## Romans 10:17

So faith *is* by hearing, and hearing *is* through the word of Christ

## Luke 4

3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

4 But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ ”

# 1) Faith Comes from Hearing the Word

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## Exodus 33

**11** The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

## Joshua 14:8b

I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.

**10** “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. 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.”

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# God Will

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# 2) Faith is Contagious (Light, Salt, Yeast)

## a) Joshua and the Israelites

### Joshua 23

9“The Lord has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. **10**One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised. **11**So be very careful to love the Lord your God.

## b) David's Mighty Men

### 2 Samuel 23

8These are the names of David's mighty warriors:

Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, was chief of the Three; he raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter.

## c) Jesus and the Twelve

### John 14

**12**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13**And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14**You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

# 3) Without Real Faith you will not Make it

- Real Faith is Real

- You will be Tested with Fire

1Cor 3

**11**For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12**Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw. **13**each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. **14**If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward.

- Apostles might have started with little faith but eventually they gave up their lives (great faith)

- Noah, Joshua & Caleb, Disciples of Jesus (narrow gate)

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