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Sunday, November 6, 2016

"FAITH>OUR FEARS"

(Numbers 13-14)

Fears are a common part of life. The Bible doesn't sugar-coat life. Fears are expressed throughout the Scriptures. God recognizes our fears and He calls us to trust Him. Faith in God is always greater than our fears.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

1. We exaggerate our	(Numbers 13:27-28)
2. We underestimate our	(Numbers 13:33)
3. We get	(Numbers 14:1)
4. We start to	about our lives (Numbers 14:2)
5. We eventually give up and	(Numbers 14:3)
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Tar-n-feath-a-phobia Soaki-diap-a-phobia Halle-hypo-therm-a-phobia Smokey-tick-a-phobia

"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life." (Romans1:17, NLT).

"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Hebrews 11:6, ESV).

"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:1, NLT).

"I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called" (Ephesians 1:18, NLT).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

1. We exaggerate our <u>difficulties</u>.

"However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there" (Numbers 13:27-28, ESV).

2. We underestimate our *abilities*.

"We seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them" (Numbers 13:33, ESV).

3. We get <u>discouraged</u>.

"Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night" (Numbers 14:1, ESV).

4. We start to gripe about our lives.

"And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!" (Numbers 14:2, ESV).

5. We eventually give up and <u>blame God</u>.

"Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt" (Numbers 14:3, ESV).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SEE WITH EYES OF FAITH?

1. Faith <u>shrinks</u> my problems.

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (Genesis 18:14, ESV).

"For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37, ESV).

2. Faith opens the door for a miracle.

"Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart" (Mark 11:22-23, NLT).

"He did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith" (Matthew 13:58, NIV).

3. Faith moves God to act on my behalf.

"According to your faith be it done to you" (Matthew 9:29, ESV).

"While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved" (Daniel 9:20-23, ESV).

4. Faith unlocks all the promises of God.

"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!" (2 Corinthians 1:20, NLT).

5. Faith turns <u>God-given dreams</u> into reality.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20, NIV).

6. Faith gives me power to hold on <u>in tough times</u>.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we're not crushed and broken. We're perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We're attacked but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up and keep going!" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, NLT).

"I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24, ESV).