

Believe His Promises

(based on Pastor Kent Liles' message, "God Called His People to Believe: 12 Spies.")

The Role of the 12 Spies

Israel was at the border of the promised land. God asked them to send 12 spies to check out the land.

What was their role? **Num 13:1-3, Num 13:21**

To find out IF they could possess it?	NO, that was not their role. God had already promised it to them.
To see WHAT they would be possessing?	YES. He wanted them to see the victory, blessing, and fruitfulness He planned for them if they believed His promises.

Promises vs. fears

After 40 days in the land, the 12 spies returned with their reports. **Num 13:27-31**

1. What good things did they report?
2. What bad things did they report?
3. How did they react to their fear? **Num 14**

A different way to respond to fear

If you are a Christ-follower you have an alternative to the typical fight, flight, freeze response to fear. You can respond with faith, **Heb 11:1**. You will still feel the fear, but your faith, will drive you toward God for His courage, strength, wisdom, protection, and provision.

What is the danger of refusing to:

- believe God?
- walk by faith? **Heb 3:7-15**

What promise is God calling you to believe in and walk by faith?

Self-Assessment: I Believe His Promises

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <----->totally true
I read His Word regularly and make note of His promises. (2Pet 1:3-4)	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I believe His promises and act on them as I walk by faith. (Rom 4:21)	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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