

20/20 VISION New Year 2020

KEY OBSERVATION: Possibility FUELS the POTENTIAL for a better future and for a better you.

KEY STATEMENT: This year we want to OWN a space in the land of possibility, and we want to LEASE a space in the land of reality.

“17 Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the new land: ‘Go northward through the Negev into the hill country. 18 See what the land is like and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 See what kind of land they live in? Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls or are they unprotected? 20 Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Enter the land boldly and bring back samples of the crops you see.’” Numbers 13:17-20

“25 After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned 26 to Moses and Aaron, and the people of Israel waiting at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land.” Numbers 13: 25-26

KEY TRUTHS OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I LOOK AT MY FUTURE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

KEY TRUTH #1: I get stressed by CONFLICTING information.

“27 This was their report to Moses: ‘We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land flowing with milk and honey! Here is some of its fruit as proof. 28 But the people living there are powerful, and their cities and towns are fortified and very large. We also saw the descendants of Anak who are living there!’” Numbers 13: 27-28

KEY TRUTH #2: I develop a SCARCITY mentality and end up becoming RISK adverse.

“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!” Numbers 13:29

KEY TRUTH #3: I fulfill my own SELF-DEFEATING prophecies.

“But the men who had gone up with Caleb said, ‘We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.’” Numbers 13:31

KEY TRUTH #4: I infect others with my NEGATIVITY.

“And they spread a bad report about the land they had explored.” Numbers 13:32

KEY TRUTH #5: I see myself INADEQUATE for my challenges.

They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it! All the people we saw there are of great size! We saw giants there! We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them!” Numbers 13:32-33

KEY TRUTH #6: I make myself and others MISERABLE.

“1 Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. 2 And they grumbled and complained in a great chorus against their leaders, Moses and Aaron. ‘We wish we’d died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!’ they wailed.” Numbers 14:1-2

- CRYING
- COMPLAINING
- SECOND GUESSING

THE ANTIDOTE: Learn to see with FAITH

“Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, ‘We should go at once and take possession of the land right now! We can certainly do this!’” Numbers 13:30

KEY PRINCIPLE: We defeat our fears with MOVEMENT.

“Didn’t I tell you that you will see God’s glory if you believe?” John 11:40

THREE STARTER STEPS TO GET EYES OF POSSIBILITY AND FAITH?

STEP #1: INVITE Jesus into every area of my life.

Jesus said, “Unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God.” John 3:3

STEP #2: Take personal steps in SPIRITUAL maturity.

“Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.” Luke 2:52

STEP #3: DO whatever God tells YOU to do.

“7 Joshua (with Caleb) said “We saw the land ourselves, and it’s very good. 8 If we obey the Lord, he will surely give us that land rich with milk and honey. 9 So, don’t rebel. We have no reason to be afraid of the people who live there. The Lord is on our side, and they won’t stand a chance against us!” Numbers 14:7-9