

LET'S GO!



As we stand on the brink of a new year, we're reminded of the Israelites at the edge of the Promised Land. Just like them, we face a future filled with both promises and challenges. The story from Numbers 13 teaches us a powerful lesson about faith and perspective. While some saw insurmountable obstacles, others, like Caleb and Joshua, saw opportunities for God to showcase His power. This example challenges us to examine our own outlook. Are we focusing on the 'giants' in our lives, or are we trusting in God's promises? Let's adopt a 'Let's go!' attitude, moving forward with unwavering faith. God has tailor-made plans for each of us, having finely tuning every aspect of our lives for His purpose. We have been presented with an open door. Let's walk through it, believing that God is able to bring His promises to pass in our lives and community!

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1. God has a "finely tuned" plan for each of us. How does this perspective change the way you view your current circumstances?
2. "Every promise comes with its own unique set of challenges." Can you share a time when you faced challenges while pursuing a promise from God?
3. How can we distinguish between simply stating reality and giving an "evil report" like the spies who doubted God's ability?
4. It's important to trusting in God rather than our own abilities. In what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to fully trust God?
5. What does it mean to you to "fight the good fight of faith" in your daily life?
6. The sermon mentioned several areas where the pastor believes revival will come (Hispanic community, Albanian community, African immigrants, etc.). Where do you see potential for revival in your own sphere of influence?
7. How can we as a group encourage each other to move forward in faith rather than turning back to past disappointments or challenges?

1. This week, identify one area in your life where you need to trust God more. Write it down and commit to praying about it daily.
2. Choose a promise from Scripture that speaks to your current situation. Memorize it and meditate on it throughout the week.
3. Reach out to someone in your community who might be from a different cultural background. Pray for them and look for opportunities to share God's love.
4. Set aside time each day to "fight the good fight of faith" through prayer, worship, or studying God's Word.
5. Make plans to call, email, or meet with someone next week to share how you've seen God working in your life as you've stepped out in faith.

Day 1: Trusting God's Promises

Reading: Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9

Devotional: Just as the Israelites stood at the edge of the Promised Land, we too stand at the threshold of God's promises for our lives. The challenges ahead may seem daunting, like giants in a fortified land. But remember, our God is greater than any obstacle. Today, reflect on the promises God has given you. Are you viewing them through eyes of faith like Caleb and Joshua, or through eyes of fear like the other spies? Ask God to strengthen your faith and help you see beyond the challenges to the blessings He has in store.

Day 2: God's Finely Tuned Plan

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13, Romans 8:28

Devotional: Our lives are not random series of events, but a finely tuned ecosystem orchestrated by God. Like a land flowing with milk and honey, God is working all things together for our good and His glory. Today, consider the various aspects of your life - your job, relationships, challenges, and blessings. How might God be using each of these to produce spiritual growth and fruitfulness in your life? Thank Him for His perfect plan, even when you can't see the full picture.

Day 3: Strength in Weakness

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:8-10, 12:9-10

Devotional: Paul's testimony reminds us that God often allows us to reach the end of our own strength so that we learn to rely fully on Him. When we acknowledge our weakness, we open ourselves to experience God's strength. Reflect on a time when you felt utterly incapable or overwhelmed. How did God show up in that situation? Today, instead of trying to handle everything in your own power, practice surrendering your challenges to God, saying, "Lord, I can't, but You can."

Day 4: Moving Forward in Faith

Reading: Hebrews 10:35-39, 11:1-6

Devotional: The life of faith is not about turning back, but pressing forward into God's promises. Like the Israelites at the Jordan, we may be just one step of faith away from our breakthrough. In what area of your life do you need to move forward in faith? It could be in your relationships, career, ministry, or personal growth. Ask God for the courage to take that step, trusting not in your own abilities, but in His faithfulness.

Day 5: Revival and Spiritual Harvest

Reading: Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

Devotional: God desires to pour out His Spirit on all people, bringing revival and spiritual harvest. The early church experienced this outpouring, and we can believe for it in our time too. Today, pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life, your church, and your community. Ask God to use you as an instrument of revival, reaching people from all backgrounds with His love. Believe that God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine in bringing people to Himself.