

Week 12: "One In A Million"

1. READ

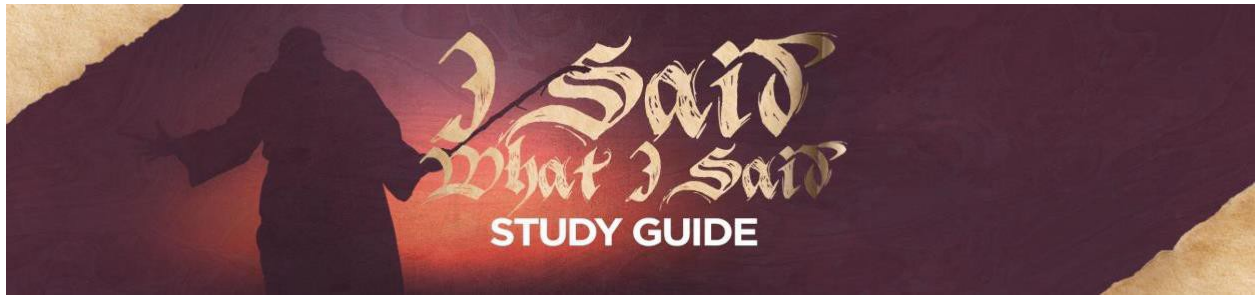
Pastor Watley's Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:2-8 New King International Version (NIV)

² (It takes eleven days to go from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea by the Mount Seir road.)

³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses proclaimed to the Israelites all that the LORD had commanded him concerning them. ⁴ This was after he had defeated Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, and at Edrei had defeated Og king of Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth.

⁵ East of the Jordan in the territory of Moab, Moses began to expound this law, saying:

⁶ The LORD God said to me, "You have heard the voice of the LORD your God. ⁷ Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. ⁸ See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to you today."



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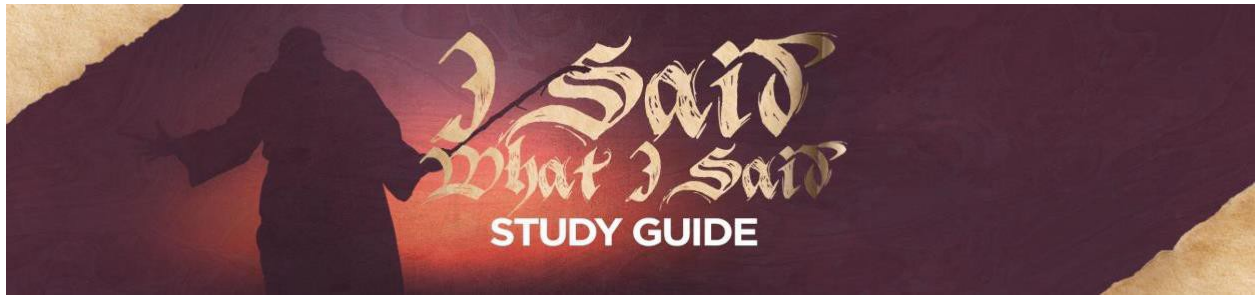
Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Deuteronomy 1 and Numbers 13

2. REFLECT

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Pastor Watley is concluding the series with week 12 of "I Said What I Said" as we have studied the life, legacy and ministry of Moses. If you have missed any of the sermons and/or study guides please visit our website and your YouTube page to download and view them. In this final week Pastor Watley shares from this scripture in Deuteronomy (*Deuteronomy means the second law*) about the faith of a few who saw and believed God for the promise land. Before they get into the purpose land Pastor shares with us that they had to be tired and that we too share in this level of being tired. After the year we have had and after how this year has started, we are all tired. Pastor Watley has had his "Fatigue" when the fatigue and weariness is when you lose the will to fight your fatigue. The only answer to this as Pastor Watley shared is that we have to unplug when there is no off switch. This is because when you unplug it all works properly because of the need to be recharged and then move forward. This was the case for the Children of Israel in our text they were weary on a journey that took them 40 years but the scripture says should have only taken them 11 days.

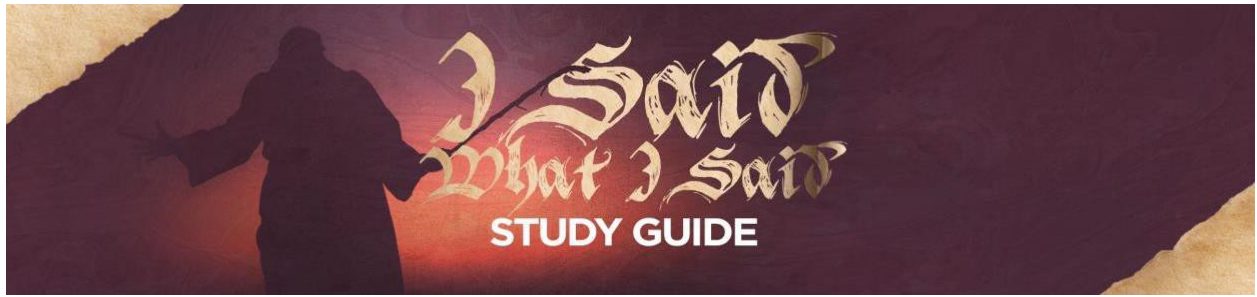


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The amount of time it took them to get to the promise land, these 40 years, is the reason why they were weary. At this point in the scripture Pastor Watley points out the cloud that the Lord sent didn't lead them in order to lead them to the entrance of the promise land. However, he tells me that we must decide if we're going to enter the promise land and Pastor Watley gives us a list.

1. First ask the question did God make you a promise? Not every promise comes from God but if you can see the promise of God in the Bible it's a promise.
2. Pastor Watley says that we know it's the promise land first when we face overwhelming opposition. The scriptures share that there were enemies in the promise land that were larger than the Children of Israel.
3. There will also be outstanding opportunity. The report came back with enemies in the land but also with fruit the size of what he has seen before. The promise was large for them.
4. A minority report will always emerge. In the Bible, the size of the group is not always the deciding factor. Pastor Watley reminds us that he and Caleb were the only two that said they could take the promise land out of 2 million. The math on 2 divided by 2 million is "One In A Million".

Pastor Watley reminds us here that this is what it means to be a believer. Being a believer of Jesus means that you will always be in the majority but you will be in the minority. However, your minority report is better than the majority when you trust in God. The others who believed the majority report were so afraid of the giants in the land that they wanted to go back to Egypt go back to slavery. God saw the faith of the minority and said that everyone else would not make it into the promise land. They would die there in the wilderness but the two that believed they would be the only ones from the group to make it into the promise land flowing with milk and honey. Pastor Watley reminds us that while they were dying out in the wilderness, they were also birthing children they would walk into the promise land. You can be in a dying situation and still give birth to something or someone that God will bless. God has called you to be One In A Million and to trust in God beyond what you see and beyond what others say.



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3. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï Are you one in a million at your job or in your community?
- ï When was the last time you stood up for God in a public way regardless of the result?

Discussion Questions

- ï Do you think Joshua and Caleb knew the impact of their words when they came back from scouting out the promise land? And do you think if they knew the impact, they would have changed some of their words?
- ï How do you think the children of Israel felt as they were stuck in the wilderness but still able to give birth to children that would occupy the promise?