



**FROM THE BIBLE**  
Numbers 13:27b-28 (NLT)  
Numbers 13:32b-33 (NLT)  
Numbers 14:7a-9 (NLT)

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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 3 | Fear

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1. In this message, Joel told a story about riding *The Zipper* in Ocean City last summer and how that gave him lots of fear. Since we're gonna be talking about fear today, what sort of weird things give you fear (ex. rides, spiders, snakes, flying, snakes on a plane)?
2. One of the points we've been making in this series is, *God gave us every emotion, so no emotion is bad, but every emotion can go bad*. How can fear be good in our lives? How can fear go bad?
3. What do you think the following statement means, *it's ok if fear has a voice in your life, but faith should always get the final vote*?
4. Read Numbers 13:27-28. The context of this verse is that Moses sent 12 spies into the Promised Land to explore it. What you just read is the report that 10 of the 12 spies gave when they returned...what was their fear?
5. In this message, Joel said, if we want to give faith the final vote we got to *stop feeding our fears*. In what ways do we feed our fears (ex. 24/7 News, WebMD, etc.). What's a fear of yours and how have you fed it?
6. Read Numbers 13:32-33. Joel said, *they're not describing what they saw...not EVERYONE was tall! But they're describing how they felt about what they saw*. What's the difference?
7. Does it surprise you to know that the Bible says *do not fear* (or a variation of *do not fear*) 365 times? Does it surprise you that Jesus talked about the theme of not fearing more than any other theme he talked about, including love?
8. Discuss this statement from the message : *fear is when we make a giant out of a grasshopper in our life; faith is when we remind the grasshopper in our life about the giant (God) in our life*.
9. How can we feed our faith (as opposed to our fear)?
10. Read Numbers 14:7-9. This is what only 2 of the 12 spies reported to Moses. How is their report different than the other 10? What can we take away from this?