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Week 2: April 26

Joshua & Caleb

“When Faith and Feelings Collide”

Scripture

Numbers 13-14

- Have you ever been in a situation where something looked really promising at first... but then fear or doubt crept in? What was it and what changed your perspective?
- Have you ever faced a decision where your “gut feeling” and what you knew was right were in conflict? What was it and what did you choose? Why?

Diving IN

- In *Numbers 13*, God promises the land to Israel before the spies ever go in. Why do you think the people still felt the need to “check it out”?
 - What does that reveal about their trust in God?
- The spies all saw the same land but came to very different conclusions. What was the difference between Joshua and Caleb’s assessment versus the other ten?
 - What were they focusing on?
- Read *Numbers 13:30-33*. How did fear shape the majority’s report?
 - What language shows how their perspective had shifted?
- In *Numbers 14:1-4*, the people rebel and cry about going back to Egypt. Why do people sometimes want to return to what God has already brought them out of?
 - Where do you see that tendency in your own life?
- Read *Numbers 14:6-9*. What stands out about Joshua and Caleb’s response?
 - What do they believe about God that the others seem to forget?

Living It Out

- Where in your life are you tempted to focus more on the size of your problems than the power of God?
 - What would it look like to shift that focus this week? How would you?
- Fear can often be at the root of disobedience. What fears tend to drive your decisions?

- How can you bring those honestly before God?
- Are there any “Egypt’s” in your life? Things God has called you out of that you’re tempted to go back to?
 - Why do those things often feel appealing still?
- Go around and share things that you do (or have done) that helped bolster your faith; see if anything encourages anyone else.
- What is one practical way you can “weave God’s Word” into your daily life this week?
 - How can the group help you follow through?

Pray

- Praise God for His faithfulness and the ways He has already proven Himself!
- Ask God to *grow* your faith where fear has been leading decisions!
- Pray for courage to trust Him and follow His Word, even when it’s difficult!