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## Big Idea Discussion Guide



An oppressive government holds a tournament every year as a reminder of how impossible the odds would be for their citizens to rebel, but when two young heroes are able to defy the wishes of the government during the tournament, they give their nation the one thing stronger than fear...

**BIG IDEA:** God's hope allows imperfect people to beat impossible odds.

### SCRIPTURE:

**13:32b** "The land we passed through to explore is one that devours its inhabitants, and all the people we saw in it are men of great size. **33** We even saw the giants called the Nephilim there! To ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and they probably perceived us as weak and puny too." **14:1** Then the whole community broke into loud cries, and the people wept that night. **2** All the Israelites complained about Moses and Aaron, and the whole community told them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! **3** Why is the LORD bringing us into this land to die by the sword? Our wives and little children will become plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" **4** So they said to one another, "Let's appoint a leader and go back to Egypt."  
(Num 13:32-14:1-4, HCSB)

**10** "As you see, the LORD has kept me alive these 45 years as He promised, since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel was journeying in the wilderness. Here I am today, 85 years old. **11** I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. My strength for battle and for daily tasks is now as it was then. **12** Now give me this hill country the LORD promised me on that day, because you heard then that the Anakim are there, as well as large fortified cities. Perhaps the LORD will be with me and I will drive them out as the LORD promised."  
(Josh 14:10-12, HCSB)

**28** Do you not know? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the whole earth. He never grows faint or weary; there is no limit to His understanding. **29** He gives strength to the weary and strengthens the powerless. **30** Youths may faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall, **31** but those who trust in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint. (Isa 40:28-31, HCSB)



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*God can't break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. ~ [Hebrews 6:18](#) – The Message (MSG)*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What impossible odds have you faced in the past? What happened?
2. What impossible odds are you facing now?
3. What promises did your parents make you when you were a kid, which you thought they were never going to fulfill?
4. What promises have you made your kids, which they thought you had broken because they didn't understand the timing or terms of the promise?
5. Do you feel as if God is watching your life, cheering you on? Why or why not?
6. What promises has God made that apply to you? Look up the Scripture verses and save them somewhere!
7. Do you ever think about heaven? How can knowing that a painless future awaits us help up to endure a painful present?

