The Renewed Mind, Part 2.
The Renewed Mind Towards Giants

“We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” Numbers 13:31

“We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” Numbers 13:33

“That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.” Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.” But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.”
Numbers 14:1-10 NIV

This is what fear looks like from a mind that is conformed or not renewed

1.Fear is loud.
“Raised their voices”

2. Fear is emotionally led.
“Wept aloud”

3. Fear grumbles, complains and refuses to trust.
“Grumbled against Moses and Aaron”

4. Fear looks to blame and deflects responsibility.

5. Fear assigns ill intent(actually homicidal tendencies) to God!
“Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword?”

6. Fear regrets.
“If only…”

7. Fear is a false prophet. It envisions and prophesies the worst case scenario. Fear is a liar.
“Our wives and children will be taken as plunder”

8. Fear at best freezes progress. At worst, causes you to fall back into slavery.
“We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt”

9. A mind conformed to this world is dominated by fear.

1. The renewed mind speaks about God MORE THAN THE GIANT!
2. The renewed mind sees the giants as a spiritual meal. “We will devour them”NIV, “they are bread for us” KJV, “we will have them for lunch.” The Message.
3. The renewed mind sees the purpose of the giants. The giants are there to demonstrate the power of Christ in you and through you.
4. The renewed mind sees giants as vulnerable

“Their protection is gone”

“In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”
Colossians 2:15 NLT

The thing about giants

1. We assign the power and authority of our giants. Our perception of them becomes our reality.
2. Giants taunt
3. You alone cannot defeat a giant. You need God.

4, Talking obsessively about your giant, grows your giant
5. Ignoring your giant grows your giant
6, Addressing your giant in Jesus fixes your giant.
7. Giants are bullies. They make you feel small and helpless.
8. Giants are inferior to Christ in you.