

## HUDDLE UP 2

- Open with the story about us planting a garden this year.

### Numbers 13:17-25 (MSG)

17-20 When Moses sent them off to scout out Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and then into the hill country. Look the land over, see what it is like. Assess the people: Are they strong or weak? Are there few or many? Observe the land: Is it pleasant or harsh? Describe the towns where they live: Are they open camps or fortified with walls? And the soil: Is it fertile or barren? Are there forests? And try to bring back a sample of the produce that grows there—this is the season for the first ripe grapes." 21-25 With that they were on their way. They scouted out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob toward Lebo Hamath. Their route went through the Negev Desert to the town of Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, descendants of the giant Anak, lived there. Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt. When they arrived at the Eshcol Valley they cut off a branch with a single cluster of grapes—it took two men to carry it—slung on a pole. They also picked some pomegranates and figs. They named the place Eshcol Valley (Grape-Cluster-Valley) because of the huge cluster of grapes they had cut down there. After forty days of scouting out the land, they returned home.

It's interesting that the spies were sent in to spy out the Promised Land when the first grapes of the season were ripe. I sense the Lord wanted all twelve spies to focus on the fruit of that land and not the giants. I am sure Joshua and Caleb kept hearing how big the giants and walled up cities were from those ten spies while they were taking their tour. I believe Joshua and Caleb got to thinking, "If the giants are really that big, can you imagine how big that fruit must be?" Joshua and Caleb were obsessed, looking for the fruit of the land of promise. What we look for is

what we will find. They came back with a cluster of grapes so big, it took two men to carry one cluster on a pole out of the valley of Eschol.

**GOD CALLED THE LAND THAT WAS FULL OF HEATHEN GIANTS AND UNGODLY CITIES “A GOOD LAND THAT FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY!”**

**THE EVIL IN THE LAND DIDN'T DETERMINE GOD'S PERSPECTIVE. THERE WAS A PROPHETIC CLUSTER OF GRAPES THAT WERE THE EVIDENCE THAT THE LAND WAS HEALTHY.**

**STOP ALLOWING AN EVIL PERCEPTION TO DETERMINE A GODLY POTENTIAL**

**Psalm 27:13-14 NLT “Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.”**

- **Garrett's return home yesterday**
- **All 3 of our boys are living at home right now. Even our family is in a “cluster” season. There's an anointing on us being together during this season.**

**THE CLUSTER OF GRAPES WAS THE KEY TO GETTING BACK INTO THE PROMISED LAND!**

I noticed that Joshua and Caleb still stuck it out with that unbelieving bunch of "sour" grapes that eventually dried up in the wilderness and became raisins. God separated Joshua and Caleb from them, later in His timing, they finally got to enter into their inheritance. But they hung in there, for they knew the key to get back into the Promised Land was to stay together and let the process prepare them for what was ahead.

**Isaiah 65:8 (NLT)**

**8 “But I will not destroy them all,” says the Lord. “For just as good**

**grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, ‘Don’t throw them all away—some of those grapes are good!’), so I will not destroy all Israel. For I still have true servants there.**

God has a corporate vision right now for His Kingdom in the earth, so we must be in a **cluster** of believers, and we must connect with churches, tribes, tongues, and nations--for God is too big for just our ministry, church, or home group. I sense that what God has in mind is beyond us. This new wine cannot be made from just one grape--one ministry, one church, or one vision. Without connecting to the cluster, your spiritual life is bound to dry up.

### **THE HANDS OF GOD ARE COMING UPON THOSE WHO WILL CLUSTER THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN FAITH**

#### **1 Corinthians 14:26 NASB1995**

**What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.**

#### **Isaiah 60:4 NASB1995**

**“Lift up your eyes round about and see;  
They all gather together, they come to you.  
Your sons will come from afar,  
And your daughters will be carried in the arms.**

#### **Acts 5:16 NASB1995**

**Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.**

### **THE HANDS OF GOD ARE LIFTING FROM THOSE WHO ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM THE CLUSTER**

#### **Proverbs 18:1 ESV**

**Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:14 ESV**

**For the body does not consist of one member but of many.**

## **THE CHURCH SHOULD BE FILLED WITH CLUSTERS, NOT CLIQUES**

Clusters will fasten themselves together in prayer.

Clicks will fasten themselves together in gossip.

Clusters know that their strength comes from being on the same vine.  
Clicks find their strength from sharing the same negative mind.

Clusters understand that seasons of crushing and pressure means that there's a greater anointing coming.

Clicks under pressure and crushing will moan and whine and cancel the anointing by being annoying.

Clusters are quick to celebrate others being chosen and elevated into a greater level.

Clicks are quick to speculate as to why others were chosen and elevated into a greater level.

## **SOME PEOPLE HAVE LEFT YOU IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T HANDLE THE NEW LEVEL OF YOUR ANOINTING**

### **3 God Designed clusters**

- 1. The cluster of your family and home.**
- 2. The cluster of your personal devotion to Christ.**
- 3. The cluster of corporate faith.**