

:: Summary

The “giant” of uncertainty is real and alive today. Uncertainty increases when you are unable to rely on something or someone, when something is unknown or not definite, when ambiguity rises, or predictability falls. Uncertainty breeds doubt, worry, anxiety, fear, unhappiness and more, and can strongly impact your life, perspective, decisions and actions. But you don’t have to be a grasshopper in the face of this giant. The reality is Jesus is greater than any giant you will ever face.

:: Share

We live in a time of unprecedented uncertainty. Do an Intolerance of Uncertainty (IU) survey. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being “I am ok living with uncertainty” and 10 being “Uncertainty really impacts me,” what rating would you give yourself and why?

:: Explore and Discuss | Numbers 13:31-14:11

Read Numbers 13:31-33. “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” What is important about the 10 spies’ report? What is lacking in their assessment?

Read Numbers 14:1-4. What is the giant of uncertainty the Israelites are dealing with? From these two passages, describe in detail the effects of the spies “bad report” on the people.

Read Numbers 14:5-9. Following the example of Caleb, why is facing your giants much more about who you believe in than what you do? Even in the face of death, how is “trusting in the God who is in charge of your story” a giant killer?

:: Apply it to Your Life

“In the face of some giants, your strength will never be enough.” When you are confronted by a giant and feel like a grasshopper, why is it critical for you to acknowledge “my strength is not enough in this situation”?

Following Jesus leads to ever-increasing spiritual maturity (sanctification). In your walk of faith do you spread “bad reports” among your friends (about others, your circumstances, the church, or even God)? What change needs to occur in you to stop?

Is there a giant of uncertainty you are dealing with? How does Caleb’s example help you to face it?



:: Pray

Pray for each other in light of the uncertainties we are facing in these times.

Pray for each other to grow in spiritual maturity and holiness and to put away "bad report" behavior.

