

NOTES: From the heart of the Pastor: Influence
January 10th-11th Compelled Church

TEXT: Numbers 13

INFLUENCE: The power or capacity to cause an effect in an indirect or intangible way.

Influence has a powerful effect on how we interact with
-relationships -environments -opportunities -faith

We have all been there helpless under the power of influence only to recognize its persuasion after the fact.

3 Observations From Numbers 13:

OBSERVATION 1 How they saw the God of the promise influenced how they saw the promise land
Their understanding of God impacted their interpretation of the land

OBSERVATION 2 How they saw the promise land influenced how they responded to the promise
The influence of the physical adjusted the confidence in the supernatural

OBSERVATION 3 How they responded to the promise influenced how others responded to the promise

There is opposition between you and the promise. Your influences effect your outcomes

Leadership is influence nothing more and nothing less.

JOHN MAXWELL

This means: You are being led by the influences you let in!

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

OBSERVATION 1 How we see the God of the promise influences how we see the promise land

How close is the God of your promise	How big is the God of your promise
How faithful is the God of your promise	How powerful is the God of your promise
How much does the God of your promise love you, care for you, delight in you	

The answers to these questions will determine how you approach the promise land

If the God of the promise is too small, we end up thinking it is up to us our strength, our wisdom, our abilities

We began to magnify the problems and minimize our resources
We have a miracle working God He is faithful to finish what he starts

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Phil. 1:6

OBSERVATION 2 How we see the promise land influences how we respond to the promise

The weight of the journey can cause us to lose hope in the promise

We decide the fulfilment of the promise is not worth the perseverance it will take to get there

We see obstacles, hardships, difficulties as something keeping us from the promise rather than a means to refine and strengthen us to walk in the promise

What if the difficulty you are desperately praying to escape is the very thing God is using to grow and mature you though for the next season of your life.

Romans 5:3-4: "We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

James 1:12: "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Hebrews 10:36: "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

Sometimes we feel buried in life when we are actually planted, we pray for a tree, But God gives us seeds

OBSERVATION 3 How we respond to the promise influences how others respond to the promise

How we live out our faith influences how others live their faith

Our journey to the promise does not happen without the same stories

There are battles to fight

There are difficulties to overcome

There are casualties to mourn

The Fulfilment of the promise outweighs the difficulty of the battle to get there.

It does not minimize the difficulties, but it gives them purpose and validity