

# UNSUNG HEROES



**Direction.**

Directions.

**Follow.**

Listen.

**Follow God**

Follow God vs. Fear

# God's Directions:



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“**The Lord** now **said** to Moses, ‘Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land **I am giving** to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes.’”

**Numbers 13:1-2 NLT**

# The Report:

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“This was their report to Moses: ‘We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a **bountiful** country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.

**Numbers 13:27 NLT**

# The Report:

**But** the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!’

**Numbers 13:28 NLT**

# The Unsung Hero:

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But **Caleb** tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. 'Let's go at once to take the land,' he said. '**We can** certainly conquer it!'

**Numbers 13:30 NLT**

Fear:

## Fear:

But other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. **'We can't** go up against them! They are stronger than we are!'

**Numbers 13:31 NLT**



# Fear:

So they **spread this bad report** about the land among the Israelites: 'The land we traveled through and explored will **devour** anyone who goes to live there. **All** the people we saw were **huge**.

**Numbers 13:32 NLT**

## Fear:

We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"

**Numbers 13:33 NLT**

Fear will **lie** to you and make  
you a **liar**.

Fear will affect your **relationships**,  
your **finances**, and your **future**.

“Then the **whole community** began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. ‘**If only** we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!’ they complained.

**Numbers 14:1-2 NLT**

‘Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn’t it be better for us to return to Egypt?’

**Numbers 14:3 NLT**

Then they plotted among themselves, 'Let's **choose a new leader** and go back to Egypt!'

**Numbers 14:4 NLT**

2/12 men

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Joshua & Caleb



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“...the land is wonderful; if God is pleased, he will bring us safely into it; do not rebel against God; don't be afraid...”

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- *Joshua & Caleb*

But the whole community began to **talk** about stoning Joshua and Caleb...

**Numbers 14:10 NLT**

# Consequences of Following Fear:

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They will never even see the land... But my servant Caleb has a **different** attitude than the others... I will bring **him** into the land he explored. His **descendants** will possess their full share of that land...

**Numbers 14:23-24 NLT**

# Consequences of Following Fear:

Now turn around, and **don't go** toward the land... Tomorrow you must set out for the **wilderness** in the direction of the Red Sea.”

**Numbers 14:25 NLT**

# The Reward:

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- Remember what the Lord said.
- I was 40 years old.
- I returned and gave honest report.
- My brothers were frightened.

# The Reward:

- For my part, I wholeheartedly followed the Lord my God.
- The Lord kept me alive, I'm 85 now and just as ready as I was then.
- Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him his portion of the land.



Caleb listened to God **more** than  
he listened to fear.

You—listen to God **more** than fear.

“For God has **not** given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and **self**-discipline.”

**2 Timothy 1:7 NLT**

When you **listen** to **God** more than  
fear, you can **follow** God with your  
**whole** heart.

**Who's** voice is more trustworthy?