

Facing My Fears Faith vs. Fear Numbers 13:25-14:9

Everyone experiences fear – The only question is how we will respond to it

Characteristics of Fear Driven People

- 1. They _____ the same things as positive people of faith (13:25-27)**

Many faith filled people have had some very negative experiences

- 2. They quickly turn the conversation to the _____ (13:28-29)**

Some people can find a problem in every solution

- 3. They _____ the encouragement of others (13:32)**

_____, not circumstances, determine our faith!

- 4. They exaggerate and _____ fear in others (13:32)**

The fate of a whole generation was impacted by their report

- 5. Quite often they have a poor _____ (13:33)**

Grasshopper mentality

We cannot consistently behave in a manner that is inconsistent with the way we see ourselves

They focused on the size of their problems and forgot about the size of their God!

Characteristics of Faith Directed People

1. They are willing to stand _____ (13:30)

Though none go with me, still I will follow

"It is the most natural thing in the world to be scared, and the clearest evidence that God's grace is at work in our hearts is when we do not get into panics. The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you fear God you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God you fear everything else." Oswald Chambers

2. They are _____ in what they believe (14:5-6)

God is not looking for lukewarm followers

3. They see the _____, not just the _____ (14:7)

God often sends us opportunities brilliantly disguised as problems

4. They _____ in God's empowering presence (14:8-9)

What God guides, He provides

Courage is fear that has said its prayers." General George Patton, as heard from Chaplain George Metcalf

5. They _____ God's reward

“But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it.” (Numbers 14:24)

“not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.” (Numbers 14:30)

Fear Driven or Faith Directed? We Get To Choose!

We Can Choose:

1. To _____ God's gift of eternal life
2. To _____ our walk with God
3. What goes into our _____
4. To fix our _____
5. To take _____

The smallest obedient act is far better than the greatest of intentions!

The choices we make in a moment of crisis or at a crossroads of opportunity will be determined to a large extent by our

Making It Personal:

- How have I typically responded to fear in my life? Are there areas of my life where I am more prone to be fear driven than in other areas of my life?
- What characteristics of “fear driven” people do I see operating in my life? What characteristics of “faith directed” people do I see operating in my life right now?
- What choices can I begin to make or renew and strengthen in my life to help me become more faith directed? What will that look like on a daily basis?
- Who can I share these truths with?