

# PIONEERING NEW FRONTIERS

## *Numbers 13*

The 12 spies reported, that the ‘*promised land*’ was wonderful provision from God.

Hope entered into the hearts of the people for a better and a brighter future.

*Numbers 13:28-29 (nkjv) Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29: The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."*

The people started to feel deflated and their hope started to vanish.

Caleb, a man of faith and courage spoke up.

*Numbers 13:30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."*

Caleb was willing to take the unpopular stand to do God’s will.

*Numbers 13:31-32 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are*

*stronger than we are.” 32: And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.*

The entire Nation entered into 40 years of wandering and complaining in the desert because of one negative word - *nevertheless!*

**They were so mindful of the size of their CHALLENGE they lost sight of the SIZE of their God.**

Faith is knowing that God is far superior to the challenge before us!

We can be too aware of the *negatives* and *obstacles* that we become *intimidated* and *paralysed* to act.

**Fear and a lack of faith cause stagnation.**

*Hebrews 3:15-19* reveals the hard-heartedness of God’s people and demonstrates the result of disobedience and a lack of faith.

Don’t let the difficulties or opposition cause us to lose sight of God’s guidance and provision.

**What happens when a PIONEER becomes a SETTLER?**

The spirit of pioneering becomes a spirit of survival and maintenance!

What is the ***difference*** between a spirit of ***pioneering*** and a spirit of ***survival***?

**Survival is just doing enough to...survive!**

The pioneer spirit has an ***insatiable appetite***, a ***thirst*** and ***drive*** that will never be satisfied until God's purpose is fulfilled.

Jesus has a ***blueprint*** for our lives - a ***purpose*** to fulfil.

Jesus' blueprint for ACC is to be a New Testament Apostolic Church.

**The image we have of the devil can GOVERN the image we have of OURSELVES.**

*Numbers 13:33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

We struggle to ***close*** the gap between ***who*** and ***what*** the Scriptures say they ***are*** in Christ and what they actually ***feel*** in real life.

*Romans 8:37 (gw) The One who loves us gives us an overwhelming victory in all these difficulties.*

*1 John 4:4b ...greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world.*

It is vitally important for us to **know** and to **live out** the identity that the Word of God gives to us from our union with Christ.

*Joshua 14:6-13*

**Being AVAILABLE and FAITHFUL in implementing God's plan is vital.**

Like Caleb, we must be faithful to God, not only at the start of our Christian journey, but also throughout our entire Christian life!

We must never allow ourselves to rest on our past accomplishments or reputations.

## **Challenge**

**God has a blueprint for this church.**

It is the same blueprint He gave to Pastor Leo Harris 75 years ago.

A vision of an Apostolic Church, that is reaching the lost in Australia and throughout the nations.

Pioneering new frontiers and territories for the Kingdom of God.

The question is; ***“are we going to fulfil God’s vision for our lives and our church?”***