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## LOOKING WITH EYES OF FEAR

#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR FUTURE WITH EYES OF FEAR?

### THE 12 SPIES RETURN FROM CAANAN

#### 1. YOU GET STRESSED BY CONFLICTING INFORMATION

Numbers 13: 27-28

"This was their report to Moses: 'We <u>ARRIVED</u> in the land you sent us <u>TO SEE</u>, AND it <u>is indeed</u> a <u>magnificent country</u>—a land flowing with milk and honey! Here is some of its fruit as proof.

<u>BUT</u> the people living there are <u>POWERFUL</u>, and their cities and towns are <u>FORTIFIED AND VERY LARGE</u>. We <u>ALSO SAW</u> the descendants of Anak who are living there!"

#### 2. YOU FULFILL YOUR OWN SELF-DEFEATING PROPHECIES

Numbers 13: 31

"But the men who had gone up with Caleb said, 'WE CAN'T attack THOSE PEOPLE; they are STRONGER THAN WE ARE.'"

#### 3. YOU INFECT OTHERS WITH YOUR NEGATIVITY

Numbers 13: 32

"And they **SPREAD** A **BAD REPORT** about the land they had explored."

#### 4. YOU MAKE YOURSELF MISERABLE

Num.14:1-2

"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and <u>THEY CRIED ALL NIGHT</u>. And <u>THEY GRUMBLED</u> AND <u>COMPLAINED</u> in a great chorus against their leaders, Moses and Aaron. '<u>WE WISH WE'D</u> DIED in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!' they wailed."

# THE ANTIDOTE: LEARN TO LOOK WITH FAITH

Num. 13:30 (NLT)

"Then <u>CALEB</u> silenced the people before Moses and said, 'We should go <u>AT ONCE</u> and take possession of the land RIGHT NOW! <u>WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THIS!</u>"

John 11:40 (NLT)

Jesus: "Didn't I tell you that YOU WILL SEE GOD'S GLORY - IF YOU BELIEVE?"