

EXPERIENCING YOUR NEW BEGINNING

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OVERCOMING THE FEAR FACTOR NUMBERS 13-14

Introduction: Today we are going to discover the single greatest obstacle to experiencing God's promised future.

I. A Case Study In Fear (Numbers 13-14)

A. The **Requirement** of God (Numbers 13:1-24)

Reasons For Sending The Spies

God wanted the spies to ...

1. **Report the benefits** of the land so the people would be encouraged to move forward
2. **Identify the obstacles** in possessing the land so the people would develop a strategy for conquering the land

B. The **Report** of the Spies (Numbers 13:25-33)

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C. The **Reaction** of the Israelites (Numbers 14:1-10)

D. The **Rebuke** of God (Numbers 14:11-37)

II. The Problem With Fear

A. Fear Defined

B. Fear Described

1. Fear **distorts** the size of our problem

2. Fear **dismisses** the power of our God

3. Fear **destroys** the realization of our future

III. The Antidote To Fear (Hebrews 11:1)

Faith **is believing what God has said and acting accordingly**

Conclusion