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# Pt.-1

Are you a person of Faith or a person of fear? In this new year God definitely wants you to feed your faith

What happens when you decide to feed your fear instead of your faith?

## #1. Number one: Let's establish the scenario

**People of Faith and fear go through the same experiences and are exposed to the same things as people of faith.**

Numbers 13:23-26

<sup>23</sup> When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. <sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. <sup>26</sup> They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.

They saw the evidence of good things

<sup>27</sup> They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

What is the difference between people of Faith and people of Fear?

## #2 Number two:

**They quickly turn the conversation from the positive to the negative.**

<sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

## #3. Number three.

**People who feed their fear build on a negative story and make it worse**

<sup>28-29</sup> worse yet, we saw the descendants of the giant Anak. Amalekites are spread out in the negev; Hittites, Jebusites and the Amorites. they hold on to the hill country; and the Canaanites are established on the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan"

## #4. Number four:

**They reject the encouragement in the face of others,**

<sup>30</sup> 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."

<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

**The difference between a person of faith and a person of fear is that, the person of faith can go to the promised land today!!! and the person of fear will wander in the wilderness for 40 years and never see God's best for their life**

## #5 Number five

**is that they exaggerate, and they instill fear in others.**

<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with Caleb, said we can't attack those people <sup>32</sup> we scouted out the land from one end to the other and it's a land before "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

## #6. Number Six

**People of fear, usually have a very poor self-image**

<sup>33</sup> 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."

## #7. Number Seven

**People of fear contaminate others with their fear.**

14:1-3

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud.<sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!<sup>3</sup> Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

## **Several lessons to learn here:**

### **1. God doesn't want you to let fear decide your future**

Never go into the future deciding upon the fears in your life

When fear controls your decision it's the wrong decision

There are two things that they did that I think really caused the third thing but let me give it to you right now first of all people that feed their fears like the people here

### **2. People feed their fear when they forget the past, in other words they forget what God had done for them**

### **3. The second thing is that they became satisfied with the present**

Fears will destroy you

Fear is the reason you won't live a fulfilling life.

Fear is the reason you'll leave this life with so much left to do.

Fear is the reason you'll be flooded with regrets when you're faced with your mortality.

Fear is the reason you'll never quite achieve what you set out to do.

Fear will hold you prisoner in your own desert

Fear will tell you that you're not good enough or you're not ready.