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# FAITH forward

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**Are you a person of Faith or a  
person of fear?**

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

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- **#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  
In Life.**



- 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.*

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- Numbers 13:23-26

- <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 Kadeshin in the Desert of Param. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.*

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- Numbers 13:27

- <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.*

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

**People of Faith and fear go thru the  
same experiences and are exposed to  
the same things  
In Life.**



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

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## **#2 Number two:**

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

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*<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.*

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## **#2 Number two:**

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

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## **#3. Number three.**

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

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•28-29 *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”*

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## **#3. Number three.**

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

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## **#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.”*

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## **#4. Number four:**

- They reject the encouragement in the face of others.**



## **#5 Number five**

**Is that they exaggerate, and they  
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• **31** *But the men who had gone up with  
with Caleb, said we can't attack those  
people* **32** *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.*

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## **#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.*”



## **#6. Number Six**

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



## **#7. Number Seven**

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

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• 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?”*

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## **#7. Number Seven**

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

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• **Several lessons to learn here:**

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

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• Several lessons to learn here:

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

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**•Several lessons to learn here:**

**3. They became satisfied with the present.**

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