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Sunday Morning Sermon

We've heard enough already to save this whole world. And you know all of the things that we've heard about already, that we've sung about; that we've talked about those are all 100% absolute true, genuine things that God has promised. And I know one thing today and I want to tell you, the only way that we'll ever see those things and enjoy that place God has prepared for us where others are already there, rejoicing. The only way that's going to happen is you gotta keep moving forward. The Bible tells me that the enemy has come to steal, to kill and to destroy.

This morning because of men and women who are willing to fight for something they believed in. We have the freedom that we have today to come to a place of worship and worship together. Because someone said, I will.

This morning, I'm going to be preaching out of a book of scripture, a story in scripture that is very familiar or should be very familiar to you. We're going to be over in the book of Numbers this morning in Chapter 13 but I want to preach to you this morning about this one simple question.

"What's holding you back?"

Numbers 13:26-14:10

But I see something today that is taking place in churches all over this world and that is people are beginning to lose their zeal, they're losing their passion. They're losing their fight. Hence, why we look around this morning and there's empty pews. I can think I would be safe to say this morning not everybody in these empty pews are sick today. I am sure that there are some today that could have made a choice to be here but did not. Why? Because we are seeing more and more the Bible says in these last days, there will be a great falling away. A great turning away. We're there, we're living that right now.

And this morning we're going to look at a couple of men who despite the situation said I will. Nothing's going to hold me back but this morning, we're going to look at the children of Israel. When you think about the children of Israel, when people hear the children of Israel, we automatically know that's God's people. That's God's chosen people. I want to tell you right now, the children of Israel in the word of God, you're going to see it today. They lost their passion. They lost their zeal. They just had everything knocked out of them and because of this, you know they suffered for it God punished them. They suffered because of this but I want to tell you today, there are some things that are holding you back . God wants so much greater for us. God wants us to have the very best. After all, he's already, if he didn't do anything else for me the rest of my life, If I woke up tomorrow and never received another blessing from God, I can die and say, I have been blessed.

But I want to tell you, God gave his one and only son, Jesus Christ. The greatest sacrifice anyone could ever make. Imagine if you have kids in this building, imagine just a moment, giving your child a ransom for the sins of the entire world. That's what God did for you and I. He gave us that.

Numbers 13:26-14:10

I tell you that this story here is so very powerful but it is so much a picture of this world today. It was a very short time after they had received the law at Mount Sinai. They've received the law and so the children of Israel, they have been commanded to go into the land of Canaan and possess it. God said go get it, go take it. And so these 12 spies were sent in. They were sent into this land and they had to come back and give a report. 10 out of 12 men came back and they were balking, there was just no way. I mean, they got some big people over there. There was just no way this was going to happen. But I'm going to tell you there were two men that believed that Israel was ready and they believed that Israel was able to do it. So these two men, what they had was a tremendous passion and a zeal for God.

And because of that, they were ready to go in and take it at God's command. Let's go. God said, let's go get it. We're able, we're ready, we're capable. Let's go handle business. But we find that there's two different classes here. We've got two men who are on fire for God. They have zeal. They have passion for serving the lord and then we have the rest who have lost that. I have read this time and time again and in my mind I'm thinking this is the children of Israel. They have seen the almighty power of God time

after time after time. People who are sitting in church today, you have seen the power of God time after time after time. How did the majority of the people lose their zeal? How does that happen? How does the majority of church people today lose their zeal, lose their passion. The very same God that saved you from a place called hell, he's still the same today. He has not changed. The Bible tells me he is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. God has not changed.

But the majority has lost their passion.

Why? Because there are some things just like this picture, you got some stuff holding you back. There's things holding us back.

So, what are these things? What are things that hold us back?

I want to tell you in this scripture today in verses 28 through 33

28: "Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell

in the land, and the cities are walled and a very great:

and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29: The Amalekites dwell in the land of south:

and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites,

dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30: And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said,

Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to

Overcome it.

31. But the men that went up with him said, We

Be not able to go up against the people; for

They are stronger than we.

32. And they brought up evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it,

Is a land that eateth up in the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw

In it are men of a great stature.

33. And there we saw the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and

So we were in their sight."

In these few verses, the very first thing that we see is that holding them back is that they have forgotten that God is with us and not the enemy. There are some children of God today. You have forgotten that God is with you and not the enemy. There are many people on Tuesday night, election night. There were people who set up in the wee hours of the morning biting their nails. I want to tell you right now, I laid my head to bed at ten o'clock, Tuesday night when I slept like a baby.

Why? Because I knew God is in control, and I said God, you're going to have your way. I'm going to rest easy tonight because I know that you will have the ultimate authority and praise God. God came through for this country once again and I'm not telling you right now that he's got all the answers.

God's GOT all the answers, but i'm gonna tell you right now, we're in a whole lot better shape than we were before.

Why? Because God's people have got to remember that God is for you not the enemy. God is with us. They looked at the size of their enemy. They sent these men in to spy. To check it out. And they said, they came back. Hey, you got annex kids down there, man. There's giants down there. There's giants in there. There's these big humongous walls in this city.

They're looking at the size of the enemy and totally forgot the size of God. We're too busy looking at obstacles today and there's just no way. I want to tell you today, I serve an almighty God. He is God. He is the Father. He is the King of Kings. He is Lord of Lords and he greater than anything you will ever come up against. He's bigger. My God's bigger, but the problem is we begin to focus on all of that. We focus on the size of the obstacle and not on the fact of the size of our God that can just melt it away with a spoken word. After all, the lights came on today because God said let there be light. And there was light. God took out of the dust of the ground. Not this theory that they're trying to inject in your children today that the big bang theory. I want to tell you, yeah there was a big bang theory. God said it and bang, it happened.

God took out of the dust to the ground and he formed man and my Bible tells me, God breathed into him and man became a living soul. You were created by God in heaven, and he is with you, and if God is with you, who can be against you? Who can be against you? So what do we do?

Preacher, what do we do? I want to tell you, when you see all of the false teachings, the Bible said this stuff was going to come. You're going to see more and more false teachings. All these things, when you see all this, your going to overcome it. When we begin to ponder the size and the power and all these things that are going on around us when we have opposition to righteousness, when we have all this going on, we have our very own brethren that are going into apostasy when you've got all this stuff taking place.

We start looking at the size. I want to tell you right now people think that these people are living for the devil and are stronger than God's people. I want to tell you that's false information. I don't know who lied to you and told you that but God's people are greater. The problem is we've got God's people who have an almighty God on our side but we're letting it hold us back because we forgot that God is with us. So, what do we do about it? What we must do is remember the power of the word of God. There is power, power wonder working power in the blood of the lamb. And I want to tell you there is a blood trail ladies and gentlemen that comes all the way from Genesis chapter one and goes all the way through revelation. There is a blood trail that you can follow all the way through. Remember that he is King.

Another thing that hold you back, it held them back in Chapter 14 in verses One through Three.

1"And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night"

2"And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron"

3 "And the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!"

We see that they had a greater fear of men than they did of God. They feared them big old giants more than God.