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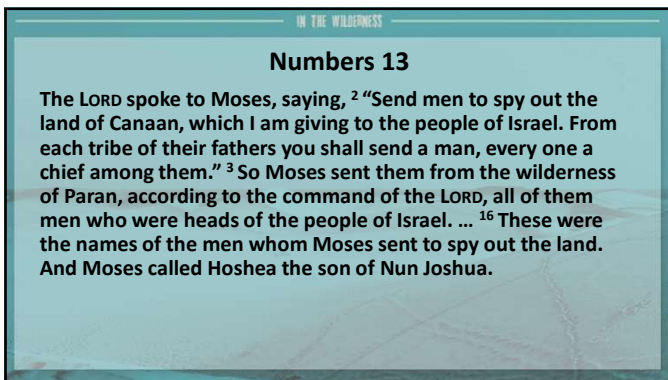
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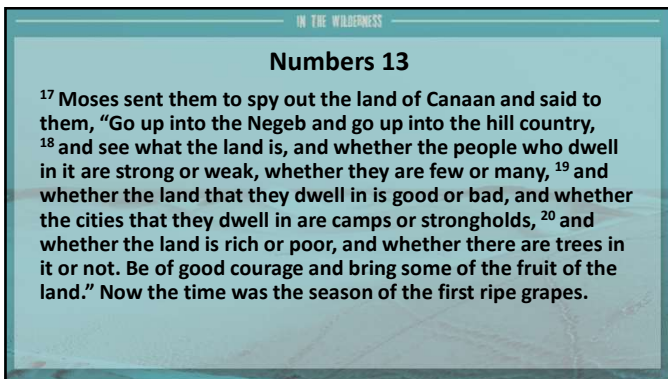
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IN THE WILDERNESS

Numbers 13

<sup>21</sup> So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath. <sup>22</sup> They went up into the Negeb and came to Hebron. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster that the people of Israel cut down from there.

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IN THE WILDERNESS

Numbers 13

<sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. <sup>26</sup> And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan."

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IN THE WILDERNESS

Numbers 13

<sup>30</sup> But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." <sup>31</sup> Then the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are." <sup>32</sup> So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, "The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. <sup>33</sup> And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**ALWAYS**  
**Expect Good News**  
**AND**  
**Bad News!**

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**Most of the Spies Saw Good News But Were Overwhelmed by Bad News**

- God sent spies to explore the Promised Land
- Mission: evaluate the land and the people in it
- Good News! The land is good like God promised
- Bad News! There are many big, strong people there
- Caleb trusted in the Lord – we can do this!
- Ten others didn't trust the Lord – we can't do this!

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IN THE WILDERNESS

**When Looking to the Future, Expect Both Good News AND Bad News**

- In Christ, our ultimate future is AWESOME!
- Until He returns, the future will always hold both good and bad news – don't be surprised
- Good News! God is good, powerful, and present
- Bad News! The world is fallen, people are sinful, Satan is active
- Expect to see "giants"

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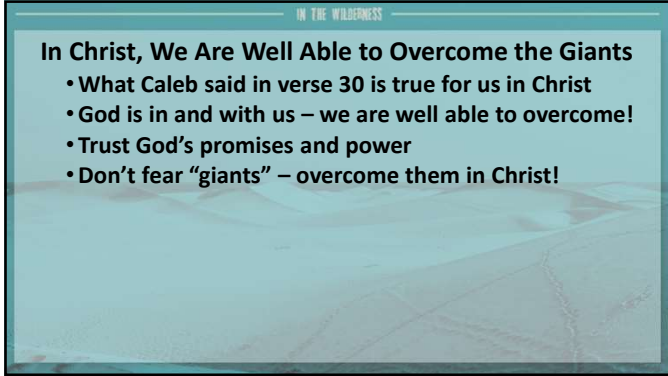
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IN THE WILDERNESS

**In Christ, We Are Well Able to Overcome the Giants**

- What Caleb said in verse 30 is true for us in Christ
- God is in and with us – we are well able to overcome!
- Trust God’s promises and power
- Don’t fear “giants” – overcome them in Christ!



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