

## **WEEK 5 | 11/10 + 13**

### **“Deepest Commitment”**

#### **NUMBERS 13:25-33**

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. 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. 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. 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. 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.”

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.” 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.” 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. 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.”



Before starting this study, take a moment to sit quietly before the Lord. Open your Bible, clear your mind, and focus your thoughts on him.

Read Numbers 13:25-33. Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you. What words caught your attention and why?

Why do the spies (other than Caleb) give a negative report?

What things does fear hold you back from?

Read 1 John 4:18 – How does the perfect love of Jesus affect how we make decisions in defining moments?

As you consider committing to live with God as your deepest desire, what are you praying God would do in and through you over the next two years?

## TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Thank him for his perfect love that casts out fear. Ask God to give you courage to trust him as your deepest desire. Pray for what he would do in your life and in our church in the coming years through the Deeper Initiative.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Commit your work to the LORD,  
and your plans will be established.  
- Proverbs 16:3

## Opening Question

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?



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Below are the questions for discussion in community group this week. If you can, take some time to think through the questions before community group each week.

Read through Numbers 13:25-33 together, sharing anything God is revealing to you through your personal study or the sermon.

What things distract us from the work and power of God?

How does the gospel inform how we make decisions in defining moments?

What things are you praying for, personally, as you consider committing to go deeper with God over the next 2 years?

What things you are excited about for where we are heading as a church through Deeper?

## PRAY TOGETHER

Take time in prayer to confess to one another any struggles or fears with making a commitment. Encourage and pray for one another to seek God as our deepest desire and for the courage to commit to let our lives reflect him as our deepest desire.