

# AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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## Topic: Trusting God's Promises

### Opening Prayer:

Psalm 119:18 - "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." Heavenly Father, as we delve into Your Word today, we ask that You open our eyes to see the truths You have for us. Help us to understand and apply Your teachings in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Read: Numbers 13-14

Have you ever faced a situation that seemed insurmountable, a challenge so great that it paralyzed you with fear? This is exactly what the Israelites experienced in Numbers 13 and 14 when they stood on the brink of the Promised Land.

Moses sent twelve spies to explore Canaan, the land God had promised to give them. After forty days, they returned with their report. Ten spies were overwhelmed by the giants in the land and the fortified cities, spreading fear and discouragement among the Israelites. Their report was full of doubt and disbelief: "We seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them" (Numbers 13:33).

However, two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, saw the same giants and cities but responded differently. Caleb silenced the people and said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). What made Joshua and Caleb different? They trusted in God's promises and focused on His power, not their own limitations.

The Hebrew word used to describe Caleb as having a "different spirit" (Numbers 14:24) is "ruach," which means breath or spirit. This indicates that Caleb was driven by a spirit of faith and reliance on God rather than fear. His confidence was not in Israel's military might but in the faithful God who had delivered them from Egypt and provided for them in the wilderness.

In contrast, the other ten spies allowed their fear to overshadow their faith. They saw the obstacles and forgot the God who had promised them victory. This story challenges us to examine our own faith. Are we like Joshua and Caleb, trusting in God's promises despite the obstacles, or do we let fear dictate our actions?

Faith requires us to trust in God's character and His promises even when our circumstances seem daunting. Just as Joshua and Caleb trusted God to fulfill His promise, we are called to trust that God is faithful and will accomplish His purposes in our lives.

### **Conclusion:**

Trusting in God's promises means focusing on His power and faithfulness rather than our own weaknesses and fears. It requires a different spirit, one that is anchored in faith and the assurance of God's unwavering support. Let us strive to have the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, confident in the truth that with God, all things are possible.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

1. How can you trust God in your studies and future plans?
2. What giants or challenges do you face that require you to rely on God's promises?
3. How can you encourage your friends to trust in God like Caleb and Joshua?

#### **For Parents:**

1. How can you model trust in God's promises to your children?
2. What family challenges can you commit to God in faith today?
3. How can you cultivate a spirit of faith in your household?

#### **For Professionals:**

1. How can you apply the lesson of trusting God in your workplace?
2. What professional challenges do you face that need God's intervention?
3. How can you support your colleagues in trusting God's promises?

**This Week's Challenge: Identify one area of your life where fear has overshadowed your faith. Pray and commit this area to God, asking Him to help you trust in His promises and power. Take a step of faith in that area, believing that God is with you.**