

*this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith*

victory



**Victory over Negativity**

**Numbers 13**



## Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9 NIV



**At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. 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.**



## Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9 NIV



**But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.” 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.”**



## Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9 NIV



**But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 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.”**



## Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9 NIV



**Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.**



## Numbers 13:25-33, 14:6-9 NIV



**Only do not rebel against the LORD.**

**And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”**



# An Unfaithful Report



*“We can’t attack those people;  
they are stronger than we are.”*

**They Cast Aside Confidence in God**

**Never Really Give God a Chance**

**Their View of Circumstances**

**Changed their View of God**

**THE VOICE OF NEGATIVITY**



# An Unrealistic Confidence



*“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”*

**More Than Conquerors Through Christ**

**Their View of God Changed  
their View of Self**

**A Different Source: The Word of God**

**THE VOICE OF COURAGE**



# An Unchanging Certainty



*“...the LORD is with us.*

*Do not be afraid of them.”*

**Will You Trust What You Cannot See?**

**The Promise of God Changed  
their Plan of Action**

**Hear What God Says and Act on It**

**THE VOICE OF FAITH**



# VICTORY OVER NEGATIVITY REQUIRES FAITH



**Don't Lower Your Expectations  
Don't Settle for the Wilderness**

**Trust the Promises of God**

*“We should go up and take possession of  
the land, for we can certainly do it.”*