

## SEEING YOUR FUTURE WITH FAITH, NOT FEAR

The Transforming Power of Vision – Part 1

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Paul: "I have not been disobedient to the vision God gave me." - Acts 26:19b

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." - Proverbs 29:18

### AN UNCLEAR VISION LEADS TO . . .

- **INDECISION**

"Double minded people can't make up their minds. They waver back and forth in everything they do." - James 1:8

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"When a country is in chaos, everybody has a plan to fix it. But it takes a leader of real understanding to straighten things out." - Proverbs 28:2 (The Message)

- **COLLISION**

"Some have refused to let their faith guide their conscience and their faith has been destroyed like a wrecked ship." - 1 Timothy 1:19 (GW)

Jesus: "Your eyes are the lamp of your body. If your eyes are open and good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your vision is bad, your whole life will be full of darkness. And if the light you think you have is really darkness, it's the worst kind of darkness you can have!" - Matthew 6:22-23

### EXAMPLE: SEEING THE FUTURE WITH FAITH OR FEAR

"Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the new land: 'Go northward through the Negev into the hill country and SEE what the land is like and FIND OUT whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls or are they unprotected? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Enter the land boldly, and bring back samples of the crops YOU SEE.'" - Numbers 13:17-20 (NLT)

"So they SPIED OUT the land all the way from the wilderness . . . up to Hebron. There THEY SAW the Ahmanites, the Sheshites, and the Talmites, all families descended from Anak. When they came to Eshcol, they cut down a cluster of grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it back on a pole! They also took samples of pomegranates and figs." - Numbers 13:21-23 (TLB)

"After SEEING the land for forty days, the men returned to Moses and Aaron, and the people of Israel waiting at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community WHAT THEY HAD SEEN and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land." - Numbers 13:25-26 (NLT)

## LOOKING AT THE FUTURE WITH FEAR CAUSES PROBLEMS

### 1. I \_\_\_\_\_ **THE NEGATIVE IN MY LIFE**

"This was their report to Moses: 'We arrived in the land you sent us TO SEE, and it is indeed a magnificent country — a land "flowing with milk and honey!" Here is some of its fruit as proof. BUT the people living there are powerful, and their cities and towns are fortified and very large. We ALSO SAW the Anakim, descendants of Anak, who are living there!'"

- Numbers 13:27-28 (TLB)

### 2. I **PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING**

"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 River!" - Numbers 13:29 (NLT)

### 3. I \_\_\_\_\_ **THE ABILITIES GOD HAS GIVEN ME**

"But the men who had gone up with Caleb said, 'WE CAN'T attack those people; they are stronger than we are.'" - Numbers 13:31 (NIV)

Job: "What I have always feared has happened to me. What I have dreaded has come to be." - Job 3:25 (NLT)

"They said, 'The land we explored DEVOURS those living in it! ALL the people we saw there are of great size! We SAW GIANTS there! We seemed like grasshoppers IN OUR OWN EYES, and we looked the same to them!'" - Numbers 13:32-33 (NIV)

### 4. I \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHERS WITH MY NEGATIVITY**

"They SPREAD A BAD REPORT about the land they had explored." - Numbers 13:32a

"Don't say that everything people call a conspiracy is a conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear. Don't let it terrify you." - Isaiah 8:12 (GW)

### 5. I **MAKE MYSELF MISERABLE**

"Then all the people began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. And they grumbled and complained in a great chorus against their leaders, Moses an Aaron. 'We wish we'd died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!' they wailed." - Numbers 14:1-2

### THE ANTIDOTE: DEVELOP A LIFE VISION OF \_\_\_\_\_

"Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, 'We should go at once and take possession of the land RIGHT NOW! WE CAN certainly do this!'" - Numbers 13:30 (NLT)

"Then Joshua said: 'We saw the land ourselves, and it's very good. IF WE OBEY the Lord, he will surely give us that land rich with milk and honey. So don't rebel. We have no reason to be afraid of the people who live there. The Lord is on our side, and they won't stand a chance against us!'" - Numbers 14:6-9 (CEV)

## 以信心而非恐懼展望未來

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保羅：“因此，亞基帕王啊，我沒有違背上天的異象。”

- 使徒行傳 26:19 下 (新漢語譯本)

“沒有異象，民就放肆。”

- 箴言 29:18 (和合本)

## 不明確的異象會導致...

## ● 舉棋不定

“因為三心兩意的人，在他的一切道路上，都搖擺不定。”

- 雅各書 1:8 (新譯本)

## ●

“國家腐敗，政權易被推翻；但明智而有見識的領袖，能使政權穩固。”

- 箴言 28:2 (新普及譯本)

## ● 碰撞

“有些人故意違背他們的良心，結果他們的信仰觸了礁。”

- 提摩太前書 1:19 (新普及譯本)

耶穌：“眼睛好比身體的燈。如果你的眼睛好，全身就光明；如果你的眼睛壞，全身就黑暗。同樣，如果你裏頭的光變成黑暗，那黑暗該是多麼可怕呀！”

- 馬太福音 6:22-23

## 例子：以信心還是恐懼來展望未來

“摩西派他們去偵察迦南地時，這樣指示他們：「你們往北走，穿過南地進入山地，看看那地是甚麼樣的，住在那裏的居民是強是弱，是多是少；他們住的地方是甚麼樣的，是好是壞；他們的城有城牆，還是沒有設防的營地；土地是肥沃還是貧瘠，樹木是否很多。要儘量帶些你們見到的農作物回來。」”

- 民數記 13:17-20 (新普及譯本)

“於是，他們就派出探子，他們就去偵察那地，從曠野...一直到希伯崙。在那裏，他們見到亞希幔人、示篩人、撻買人和亞納的一切後代。他們到達以實各谷時，砍下一截長着一串葡萄的葡萄枝，那串葡萄大得要由兩個人用槓子來抬！他們還帶回一些石榴和無花果。”

- 民數記 13:21-23 (意譯/新普及譯本)

“他們在那地偵察了四十天，然後返回巴蘭曠野的加低斯，回到摩西、亞倫和以色列全體民眾那裏，向全體民眾報告他們所看見的，並把他們從那地帶回來的水果展示給大家看。”

- 民數記 13:25-26 (新普及譯本)

## 以恐懼去展望未來導致各種問題

## 1. 我會\_\_\_\_\_生命中負面事情

“他們向摩西報告說：「我們進入你派我們去偵察的那地，那的確是一片富饒的土地，那地流着奶和蜜，這就是那裏出產的水果。可是，那裏的居民非常強悍，他們的城又大又堅固；在那裏我們甚至見到了巨人，並且我們在那裏看見了亞納族的人，就是住在沙漠中的亞納人的子孫！」”

- 民數記 13:27-28 (新普及譯本/意譯)

## 2. 我會過份注意別人在做甚麼

“亞瑪力人住在南地，赫人、耶布斯人、亞摩利人住在山地，迦南人住在地中海沿岸和約旦河谷一帶。”

- 民數記 13:29 (新普及譯本)

## 3. 我會\_\_\_\_\_上帝賦予我的能力

“但跟他一起去偵察的人卻表示反對。「我們不能上去攻擊他們！他們比我們強大！」”

- 民數記 13:31 (新普及譯本)

約伯：“我向來懼怕的發生在我身上，我從前恐懼的已經變為事實。”

- 約伯記 3:25 (新普及譯本)

“我們過去偵察的那地，會吞掉來定居的人，我們見到的人都身材巨大。在那裏我們甚至見到了巨人，...我們就像蚱蜢一樣，他們也是這樣覺得！”

- 民數記 13:32-33 (新普及譯本)

## 4. 我的消極情緒會\_\_\_\_\_別人

“那些探子就他們窺探之地向以色列人報惡信。” - 民數記 13:32 上 (新譯本)

“不要像他們那樣將凡事都稱為陰謀，不要活在他們的恐懼之中，也不要畏懼。”

- 以賽亞書 8:12 (新普及譯本/新譯本)

## 5. 我會令自己很痛苦

“全體民眾都大聲啼哭，整夜哀號。他們異口同聲，大聲指責摩西和亞倫。他們抱怨說：「我們還不如死在埃及，或死在這曠野裏！」”

- 民數記 14:1-2 (新普及譯本)

## 解藥：培養帶着\_\_\_\_\_的人生異象

“迦勒試圖安撫眾人。他說：「立刻去攻佔那地吧，我們一定會取勝的！」”

- 民數記 13:30 (新普及譯本)

“然後約書亞說：「我們親身偵察過那地，是極好的地方！如果我們順服主，祂定必賜給我們那片充滿奶和蜜的土地。所以，不可叛逆。我們沒有理由害怕住在那裏的人，上主與我們同在，他們根本敵不過我們！」”

- 民數記 14:6-9 (CEV 意譯)