



“X” A New Season of Anointing: Dare to be Different

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Scripture: Numbers 13:28-31, 14:24; 1 John 2:27; Joshua 14:6-15

Sermon Overview: Caleb had a different spirit – God’s Spirit. Caleb believed his God was bigger than any mountain or giants on that mountain, and He believed that His God would give him victory. Caleb displayed what it looks like to walk in the anointing of God. And Caleb’s courage to walk in faith and anointing blessed his descendants to the third and fourth generations.

Sermon Series Question:

1. How big is your God in comparison to your trials?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. In Numbers 14, we see that Caleb's anointing came with the promise of multi-generational impact. God promised that Caleb and his descendants would possess the land. Caleb's faithfulness and commitment to follow the Lord with his "whole heart" led to this moment of exponential anointing. Could you share with someone the story of how your spiritual or biological forefather sowed spiritual seeds of anointing and faithfulness into your life? How are you reaping a harvest from those seeds today? How can you intentionally sow seeds of anointing to the third and fourth generations?
2. In Numbers 13, the Israelite spies were terrified of the descendants of Anak. They convinced themselves that these people were bigger than their God, and they did not exercise faith. Have you experienced a time when fear or anxiety impeded God's blessing for you? What are three practical ways you can abide in the Lord to safeguard against fear-driven decision-making?
3. Whenever we are faced with trials, setbacks, and negativity, we can remind ourselves of the statement, "But God..." Think of a current difficulty or trial you are facing. How can you reframe your situation by adding "but God.."? Identify a Biblical truth that aligns with this battle (i.e. I'm experiencing some financial setbacks, but I know God is Jehovah Jireh. He will provide.) Now, every time fear or anxiety rises, proclaim that truth over your situation.

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Numbers 13&14 while referencing the [Cognitive Bias Codex](#). How were the ten spies thinking about the situation? How was Caleb? How does renewing your mind (Romans 12:12) and taking every thought captive and making them obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5) overcome these biases?
2. Explore the meaning and purpose of *Anointing* [here](#). The Bible Project video provides additional insights into the ritual throughout the Bible and how it relates to Jesus and his followers.

Practical Application:

- Make a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- [House of Prayer](#) gathers on Thursdays at 7:14PM; and [Upper Zoom](#) gathers Wednesdays at 7:14AM.
- Join a group or a ministry team, or become a mission partner!
- Get in community by joining a [small group](#).