***Nuggets From The Word***

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**“Living in the Power and Promise of God’s Word”**

**Choosing Faith:**

**Numbers 13:30** **“***Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said,* ***‘****Let us go up at once and take possession, for* ***we are well able*** *to overcome it***’.”**

The Church today truly needs a **role model for faith**. **Caleb** is a great model when it comes to choosing faith. Not all of the Israelites were in favor of moving forward to conquer the Promised Land. Scripture gives us at least two reasons:

**(1)** Even though the Land of Canaan had been promised to Israel, it was still an unknown place to the Israelites. It was full of stiff resistance and insurmountable obstacles.

**(2)** Successfully possessing this ***divine* promise** would **require** everyone’s participation. ***Caleb stood on the side of faith*** and used all of his persuasion to influence the Israelites to follow his example. As with many leaders in Israel, he was somewhat of a lone voice. This is often the case when *we make a decision* *to stand with faith*. Choose to be like Caleb and not the nameless masses who lived in fear and despair. They never possessed the Promised Land for which God had manifested so many miracles. Let **us** choose to stand on the side of faith, not doubt or fear. Unfortunately, many Christians today never posses the good things God has desired for them to have. How often has Jesus said the same words to us that He spoke to Peter when Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and began to sink into the water upon which he had been walking; Matthew 14:31, “*And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, ‘O you of little\* faith, why did you doubt’*?”

**The choice is ours! How will we choose?**

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