***Nuggets From The Word***

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

Last weeks Nugget, Numbers 13:20 **Choosing Faith**

In this weeks Nugget will examine **Numbers 14:6–9, The Importance of Staying in Faith;** **“***But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying:* ***‘****The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8****If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us****, a land which flows with milk and honey. 9****Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land****, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and* ***the Lord is with us. Do not fear them*’.”**

We tend to think that society has the answer to the questions we are asking and that if a lot of people agree about something, they must be right. However, this is ***not always true***, especially if the answer is not biblical. God’s Word is given to us as a “**Manual For Living An Abundant Life**.” The Israelites grew fearful upon hearing the report of the other spies, ***but*** Joshua and Caleb ***spoke faith*** and ***faith pleases God*** (Hebrews 11:6). Joshua’s response to their fear was, “*Only do not rebel against the LORD . . . for they are our bread*” (14:9). He equated the *manna* (Exodus 16:4, 35) that God provided daily for forty years to the promise of God’s provision when they take the Promised Land. Like the manna, their enemy will melt in the sun and the Israelites will consume them. ***Give God the opportunity to do what He says He will do*.** God was with the Israelites **then** just as He is with us **today**. **“*If God is for us, then who can be against us*”** (Rom. 8:31)? We have to be careful not to become afraid and miss out on faith even if the faithful are the smaller group and the fearful are the larger group. Let’s stay in faith.

God will arrange circumstances that will test our faith to see if we truly believe His Word and His promises to we who trust in Jesus Christ and the Heavenly Father who sent Him to us. ***Be strong in your faith in Him*** and ***be of good courage when trials come your way***. God loves to see His children walk with Him in true FAITH.

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