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Celebrate God in the Past, Present, and Future
Numbers 13; Joshua 1

At a young age, Joshua began faithfully serving Moses [Exodus 33:11; Numbers 11:28]. Joshua was being developed into a military and spiritual leader [Exodus 24:13-14; 32:15-17]. Joshua may be best known as one of the twelve leaders Moses sent to scout out the Promised Land [Numbers 13:1-2, 8]. He was one of the two scouts convinced God wanted them to take new land. The other ten scouts were fearful of the daunting task and the uncertainties of such change.

**Never allow appreciation of the past to keep you
from seeing what God is desiring in the future.**

Demonstrating a living faith leads to greater opportunities. Later, Joshua was specifically chosen and commissioned by God to be the successor to Moses [Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 3:21-28; 31:1-3; 34].

We must celebrate who God is for all He did yesterday, but also celebrate what God is doing tomorrow. God uses us to build on the work He has done through those who have preceded us.

**God desires for us to demonstrate faith,
not only claim faith.**

Numbers 13 and 14

**The Israelites lost the land because
they failed to see the value of the land.**

Additional Notes:

Questions:

- How has God used His church to take new land for Him?
- Do you believe the land God has set before the church is worth the effort to take it?
- What part of your past are you "sitting in" that needs to be surrendered to God?