

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

July 3

LIFE OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

1. Look at the unseen things - 2 Corinthians 5:7, Corinthians 4:16-18

A. The children of Israel

Numbers 13:27, 32-33 "They reported to Moses, 'We went into the land where you sent us. Indeed it is flowing with milk and honey, and here is some of its fruit'...They gave a negative report to the Israelites about the land they had scouted: 'The land we passed through to explore is one that devours its inhabitants, and all the people we saw in it are men of great size. We even saw the Nephilim there — the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim! To ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and we must have seemed the same to them.'"

B. Joshua and Caleb

Numbers 14:7-9 "The land we passed through and explored is an extremely good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and give it to us. Only don't rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people of the land, for we will devour them. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us. Don't be afraid of them!"

C. Saul and the army of Israel

1 Samuel 17:33 "'Don't be ridiculous!' Saul replied. 'There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth.'"

D. David

1 Samuel 17:34-37 "But David persisted. 'I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats,' he said. 'When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!'"

2. Speak what God has said and done - 2 Corinthians 4:13

A. Children of Israel spoke the situation as it was

Numbers 14:28 "Tell them: As I live — this is the LORD's declaration — I will do to you exactly as I heard you say."

B. Joshua and Caleb spoke what they desired it and what God had said

Numbers 14:24 "My servant Caleb has a different spirit and has remained loyal to me, I will bring him into the land where he has gone, and his descendants will inherit it."

C. Saul and Israel spoke about the giant but David spoke about God

1 Samuel 17:45-46 "David replied to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!'"

D. Other examples

- Abraham - *Genesis 22:5 "Then he said to the servants, 'Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there and worship, and then we will come back to you.'"*
- Jesus - *John 11:4 "When Jesus heard this, he said, 'This sickness will not lead to death, but to God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'"*
- What Paul asks of us - *Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*