

## **LESSON PLAN: A MATTER OF TRUST SERIES**

### **A DIFFERENT SPIRIT / Numbers 13-14**

**Miles McPherson / January 08, 2017**

**Numbers 14:24, Numbers 13:26-30, Numbers 14:1-3, Numbers 14:6-10**

**THIS WEEK:** Pastor Miles stated that God created us with a purpose in mind. That He already knows our purpose and how He wants to bless us in that purpose.

#### **Opening Discussion - Study Questions:**

Look up the following verses and discuss what you they tell you about God's will for you? Are you surprised? How does knowing God's will for you help you embrace God's plans?

1 Thessalonians 5:18

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Ephesians 5:15-20

Micah 6:8

Caleb had a different spirit and followed God fully. What does "following God fully" look like? How are you different spiritually from those you work with?

Caleb had Joshua to walk with and Moses had Aaron. Do you have a Joshua or Aaron helping you to trust God? Who are they? What are some qualities each of these men had and what characteristics should we look for in our friendships?

#### **Group Activity - Putting Knowledge Into Action:**

As a group, on a sheet of paper, compile a list of God's promises to us (if you can from memory).

Next compile a list of the "evidence" God has given us to reassure us that He will keep His promises.

List some of the "giants" between you and the promises of God. (The ones you can't defeat in your own strength and with your own weapons)

Name some of the spiritual weapons that can be brought to bear against those giants.

### **Going Deeper - Personal Challenge:**

Identify what you are in bondage to, what is the "Egypt" God wants you to leave?

Identify the greatest unmet blessing you desire from the Lord.

Identify the greatest giant standing in the way of that blessing.

Identify which spiritual weapons can be brought against your giant.

### **Taking it Home - Application:**

Like Moses before him, Jesus has forced your captor to release you, but like the Israel of Exodus, not all of the captives decided to leave. Many left but wanted to return! They didn't trust that God would defeat the giants between them and their greatest desire.

Resolve to walk out of your Egypt today trusting that God will lead you.

Resolve to keep walking towards your greatest desire no matter how big the giants are, trusting that God will provide you with everything you will need, DAILY all along the way.

Resolve to engage in a sustained full frontal assault on your giants trusting in the spiritual armor of God.

**BONUS VIDEO:** I Got You <https://vimeopro.com/rockfilms/portfolio/video/83547380>

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

**BIBLE TRIVIA:** There are 39 references to trust in the Psalms alone, whether referring to trusting in God and His Word, or to not trusting in riches or the things of this world.

**LESSON QUOTE:** "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them."  
Ernest Hemingway.

### **LIFE GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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