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HEROES: "Caleb"

**Numbers 13 (NLT)** The LORD now said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> "Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes." <sup>3</sup> So Moses did as the LORD commanded him.

<sup>17</sup> Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: "Go north through the Negev into the hill country. <sup>18</sup> See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. <sup>19</sup> See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps? <sup>20</sup> Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see."

<sup>23</sup> When they came to the valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it on a pole between them! They also brought back samples of the pomegranates and figs.

<sup>27</sup> This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. <sup>28</sup> But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there,

<sup>30</sup> But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. "Let's go at once to take the land," he said. "We can certainly conquer it!"

<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." <sup>32</sup> And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

**Numbers 14 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup> not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— <sup>23</sup> not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. <sup>24</sup> But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

Heroes, like Caleb,

I. see **GRAPES** not **GIANTS**.

- No EXCUSES.
- No OBSTACLES.
- No IFS, ANDS or BUTS!

II. say **LET'S GO**, not **SEE YOU** later.

- No WHINING.
- No RETREATING.
- No FEAR.

III. follow God **WHOLEHEARTEDLY** not halfheartedly.

- Take that MOUNTAIN.
- Be ALL in.
- Receive the REWARD.

**Following God Wholeheartedly includes:**

- Specific MOMENTS.
- Intentional PATHWAYS.
- A life-long JOURNEY.

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**My Next HEROIC Step:**

- Make Jesus a part of my life.
- Be baptized.
- Come to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Start a Life Group.
- Join a Life Group.
- Serve in a ministry.
- Go to my neighbor and invite.
- Go into my community and change a life.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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