

OBSTACLES WILL HELP YOU GROW

Family Devotion — Lesson 39

MEMORY VERSE — HEBREWS 3:19

“So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.”

- The Lord told the children of Israel to go take the land of Canaan. God promised to give it to them and even provide the means to possess it. All they had to do was believe and receive. They decided to go in first and check it out. When this happened, they allowed a crippling fear to set in. Their fear got in the way of their faith resulting in not being able to go in to possess it.
- Obstacles are things that get in the way and prevent or hinder progress.
- There are two obstacles that got in the way of Israel entering into the promised land.

FEAR (Num, 13:28, 32)

- They feared how big and strong the people were.
- They feared they would not be able to get around the big walls that were around the cities.

UNBELIEF

- They forgot how big and powerful God was.
- Unbelief sees obstacles. Belief sees opportunities.
- Joshua and Caleb had faith in God (Num. 13:8-10) but the people did not.
- *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”* (2 Tim. 1:7)
- *“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe”* (Prov. 29:25).
- We must be careful to fear God more than man. When God promises us something in His word, we should believe it and receive it. The Devil wants us to get our eyes off of God and put them on our obstacles.
- Every obstacle is an opportunity for our faith to increase and our fear to decrease. This is how we grow spiritually.



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- What do you think would have happened to Israel's faith if they went into the promised land like God said?
- Is there anything you are afraid of doing for God? If so, why do you think this is?



PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to help you with any fears you may have.
- Pray for God to help you not fear man.



CHALLENGE

- The next time you are afraid of something, consider how powerful God is and put your faith in Him.