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Today's Scripture Passage:

Numbers 13:26-33

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." ³² 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. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Questions:

1. It seems the report of the spies came in two parts. (vss. 27-29 & 31-33) What's the difference between the two parts of the report?
2. Why do you think Caleb interrupted the report and advised what he did?
3. What do you think was Caleb's rationale in light of the facts?
4. How is it instructive that the text says (vs.33) "....in our own eyes.... and we looked the same to them" ?
5. Name a giant or two currently in the way of what God wants for you.
6. How does I Timothy 1:7 apply to facing giants?

Prayer:

1. Pray for our pastoral search
2. Pray for the healing of our "divided nation"