## Spying on the Promised Land

## **Exploring the Land (Numbers 13)**

1.	The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of, which I am giving to the Israelites." (13:1–2)
2	From each ancestral tribe, one of its was to be sent. (13:2)
3	They came back to Moses and Aaron and said, "We went into the land It does flow
٥.	with and!" (13:27)
4.	But the people who live there are, and the cities are and very large.
	(13:28)
5.	Caleb silenced the people and said, "We should go up and take of the land,
	for we can certainly do it." (13:30)
6.	But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are than we are." (13:31)
7.	They said, "We seemed like in our own eyes, and we looked the same to
	them." (13:33)
Rebellion and Consequences (Numbers 14)	
9.	That night all the members of the community raised their voices and aloud.
	(14:1)
10	. They said, "If only we had died in! Or in this wilderness!" (14:2)
	. Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and said, "The land we passed through and explored
	is exceedingly" (14:6–7)
12	. "Only do not rebel against the And do not be afraid of the people of the land.
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13	. The Lord said to Moses: "How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the I have performed among them?" (14:11)
14.	. The Lord was ready to strike them down with a plague, but Moses pleaded with Him
	saying: "The Lord is slow to, abounding in and forgiving sin and
	rebellion. (14:18)
15	. God replied, "I have them, as you asked." (14:20)
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	. Of the twelve men sent, only and were allowed to enter the land.
	(14:30) were allowed to enter the land.

## **Reflection Question (Short Answer)**

1. Why do you think fear kept most of the spies from trusting God's promise? When do you find it most difficult to trust God?