



Five-Day Devotional 20  
Devotional series: Don't let the challenge speak alone.  
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Refusing to isolate the challenge

From the Pastor's Desk  
Devotional Inspiration  
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Introduction: Devotional 20 is the second in the series: “Don’t let the challenge speak alone” with emphasis on “Refusing to isolate the challenge.” At Kadesh Barnea, Israel stood on the edge of promise but allowed the presence of giants to overshadow the presence of God. The ten spies gave the challenge center stage, isolating it from God’s history and His promises, while Caleb and Joshua refused to interpret the moment apart from who God had already proven Himself to be. This devotional focuses on breaking the dangerous habit of letting present challenges stand alone. You will learn how perspective is shaped not just by what you see, but by what you choose to connect it to—and how keeping God in the narrative changes everything.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

*Note to reader: This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



### **Day 6 — The Moment of Decision.**

**Scripture:** Numbers 13:27–28: “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there.”—Num. 13:28.

The spies saw the same land—but told different stories.

Reality is shaped by focus.

**Reflection:** What story are you telling yourself about your current situation?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, align my perspective with truth, not fear.



**Day 7 — The Danger of Giving Fear a Platform.**

**Scripture:** Numbers 13:31–33: “But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we.”—Num 13:31.

The ten spies gave the problem a microphone—and it took over.

What you rehearse, you reinforce.

**Reflection:** Where have you been magnifying the problem more than God?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help me to stop rehearsing fear and start rehearsing Your faithfulness.



### **Day 8 — Keeping God in the Narrative.**

**Scripture:** Numbers 14:8–9: "Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them."—Num. 14:9.

Caleb and Joshua inserted God back into the conversation.

Faith does not deny obstacles—it reframes them.

**Reflection:** Are you evaluating your situation with or without God in the equation?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, remind me that You are present in every challenge I face.



**Day 9 — Same Facts, Different Interpretation.**

**Scripture:** Numbers 14:9: "Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us. Do not fear them."—Num. 14:9.

"They are bread for us."

The difference wasn't the situation—it was the lens.

**Reflection:** How would your situation look if viewed through God's faithfulness?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, give me eyes to see through faith, not fear.



**Day 10 — Don't Let the Challenge Stand Alone.**

**Scripture:** Psalm 77:11–12: “But then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.”—Ps. 77:11 NLT.

Faith connects the present to the past.

Isolation distorts. Connection clarifies.

**Reflection:** Are you evaluating your challenge in isolation?

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I refuse to face this moment without remembering all You've done.

**Closing — Refusing to Isolate the Challenge**

You've seen how dangerous it is to allow a challenge to stand alone, disconnected from God's promises and past provision. The difference between fear and faith is often not the situation, but the context you place it in. Moving forward, commit to never evaluating a moment in isolation. Every difficulty must be brought into conversation with what God has already done and what He has already said. This is how perspective stays grounded, and truth remains louder than fear.