

Heritage Alliance Church July 9, 2023 Pastor Shawn

By Faith: 12 Spies

 $\hbox{\it ``...} without faith it is impossible to please$

God". Hebrews 11:6

A Journey of faith begins by trusting God

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6.

"During that time the devi] came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God".

Matthew 4:3-4

To Grow Great Faith

Believe & Trust God's Word – What did He say He would do? Obey God's Word – What do you know for sure? Continue to trust God despite difficulties & obstacles Trusts God with the outcome

Story Begins

"Listen carefully to everything I command you today. Then I will go ahead of you and drive out the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites." Exodus 34:11

Caleb & 11 other spies - Numbers 13-14

With God's Promises, Purposes, and Plans

- God invites us to be active <u>participants</u>,
 We are not passive <u>recipients</u>. God uses us to accomplish His will
- God gives conditions and Instructions,
 We can't control God by using His Words out of context.
- God has free will; God can do what he wants when he wants
 Faith is not a way to control God, Faith is our response to God

FAITH: Trust God despite of our Circumstances, Understanding, Abilities Accept God does what he wills, Trust He can do what we cannot

Three steps of faith for today...

- Be obedient to what you know for sure
- Respect the free will of God (Ask for what you need, trust His goodness to respond with what is best)
- Align your life with the plans and purposes of God