

SCCC – WHY HE HAD A DIFFERENT SPIRIT?

S – Scriptures

“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.” Numbers 13: 30

C – Consideration

Moses had sent twelve men to spy on the Promised Land. They spent forty days in their mission, like Moses spent forty days in the mountain of God. They brought their report, saying “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large.” “We even saw descendants of Anak there. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” They agreed with 50% of God’s words concerning the land. It is rich with milk and honey, a very prosperous and gorgeous territory. However, they saw the size of the enemies and when compared to an average Israeli soldier, the Hebrews looked like insects in their eyes. After the terrible account, Caleb stepped in with his encouraging statement, trying to oppose their judgment, yet unsuccessfully; the ten ended up winning the hearts of the people. The majority rebelled against Moses and, of course, against God.

C – Commitment

I wondered what made Caleb’s report completely different from the others. The answer is given by God in the following chapter, “Because my servant Caleb has a different spirit.” In the New Testament, the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of self-discipline.” Ten of them had a spirit of fear, therefore, they lacked power, and they lacked love and self-control. Because of their words, Israel wandered in the desert for forty years, until all that generation died. I thought to find an answer to explain the boldness of Caleb, and I believe the two main elements were faith and prayer. The spies were not telling lies regarding the size of their enemies, but because of their lack of faith and prayer, they forgot the size of their God. Prayer and faith work together. I have faith, therefore, I pray. When I pray I am in a relationship with God, then, my faith grows. Then, when giants show up, they will look like grasshoppers, for I would know the size of my God.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, forgive me when I had acted like the ten spies who had dishonored You with their unbelief before Israel. My God, give to me and to my brethren a heart like Caleb to believe in Your promises. Give us a desire to be self-disciplined in our prayers, spending time in Your presence. Deliver us from danger giants such as unbelief and laziness. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.