

ONLY BELIEVE
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MARK 5:35

When our son Andrew was born blue, with DiGeorge Syndrome and no left pulmonary artery, the Holy Spirit told me to **“FEAR NOT, ONLY BELIEVE.”** I knew He was telling me the same thing Jesus told Jairus when he got the news his daughter died. Jesus knew fear could be detrimental to his faith and didn't want Jairus to change what he believed even though the report was hopeless naturally speaking. Our faith and what we believe must be extremely important to God. He told Martha she had to believe to see the Glory of God, **JOHN 11:40**. He taught that believing makes prayer work, **MATTHEW 21:22**. He taught that we must believe in our words to remove mountains, **MARK 11:23**. He taught the work of God is to believe on Him, **JOHN 6:29**.

UNBELIEF GIVES THE FATHER FITS – NUMBERS 14:11, PSALMS 78:21-22

Before the glory days of entering the promised land, God's chosen people gave Him fits because of their unbelief. Abraham and Hagar, Esau sells his birthright, Jacob's deception, Joseph being sold, 400 years in Egypt, 40 years wandering, 70 years in Babylon, two temples destroyed, and the Ark stolen. God wanted to disown them because they wouldn't believe. **EXODUS 32:9-10**

BELIEVING PLEASES GOD – JOSHUA 1:1-2

Moses died, God speaks to Joshua, he believes, the Jordan parts, Jericho's walls fall, the sun stands still, Canaan's kings are defeated, and Israel enters the glory of the promised land. **JOSHUA 21:43-45** – They were victorious because they believed not because they were stronger or better equipped.

THE JOURNEY AND IT'S RELEVANCE

1. Journey.

- A. Egypt – enslaved to Pharaoh.
- B. Wilderness – delivered from Pharaoh but enslaved to fear and unbelief.
- C. Canaan – free to serve God and enjoy His benefits. **DEUTERONOMY 6:10-13**

2. Relevance.

- A. Egypt – slaves to sin and Satan's kingdom, but delivered by Jesus. **COLOSSIANS 1:12-14**
- B. Wilderness – where we get Egypt out of us by renewing our mind and learning about the finished work of Christ. We get deprogrammed, reprogrammed and transformed.
- C. Canaan – not Heaven, but a place of victory now. We enjoy abundant life. God does exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think. We prosper and are in health. **3 JOHN 2**

WHAT THEY BELIEVED

1. NUMBERS 13:33 – They were bugs facing giants.

- A. They were denied the glory of the promised land.
- B. They were given 40 years to think about it.
- C. Life was a monotonous routine for 40 years.
- D. They were saved but stuck in the desert, redeemed but not released from their fears. They could see it, but not taste it.

2. JOSHUA 1:3-6 – God was their source, not themselves.

- A. Jesus defeated every enemy for us.
- B. We are more than conquerors through Him.
- C. He always causes us to triumph.
- D. God's promises outweigh any problem we may face.

CONCLUSION: It's time to move into our glory days in Christ!