

**PRESSURE!**  
**“Spying Out the Land”**  
**Numbers 13:1-33**

*Exodus 6:7-8, “I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the LORD.”*

*Deuteronomy 1:21-23, “See, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’<sup>22</sup> Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’<sup>23</sup> The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe.*

**READ Numbers 13:1-3**

**READ 13:17-20**

**READ 13:21-25**

**READ 13:26-27**

**READ vs. 28**

**READ vs 29**

*Exodus 3:17, “and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”*

**READ vs. 30-33**

## **I. The Effect of Pressure**

A. Changed the mission from “how” to “if”.

B. Forces you to act on what you believe about God: rely on God’s promises or be paralyzed by fear.

## **II. Types of Spies:**

### **A. “Terrified Ten”– Paralyzed by Fear (vs. 31-33)**

- 1. Magnify the Problems**
- 2. Minimize the Resources**

### **B. “Trusting Two” – Energized by Faith (vs. 30)**

- 1. Remember God’s promises**
- 2. Remember God’s power**
- 3. Remember God’s presence**
- 4. Remember God’s past**

## **III. Spying out the Land Today**

A. Jesus promises us abundant life (John 10:10)

B. Jesus warns us of troubles (John 16:33)

***John 16:33, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”***

C. None of these troubles takes Jesus by surprise

D. Jesus assures us of victory - “***in me you may have peace***”

J. Hudson Taylor, “It matters not *how great* the pressure is, only *where* the pressure lies. If we make sure it never comes between us and our Lord, then the greater the pressure, *the more it presses us to Him.*”

**“*But take heart; I have overcome the world.*”**