

Series: Join The Rebellion

Title: Rebel Against Hopelessness

Text: Numbers 13 - 14

Introduction

Jarret not wanting to go on vacation. Ran away. Picked up by Sheriff. Wanted juvenile detention. Went home. Jumped out of car. Jarrett did not want to go on vacation.

The Israelites did not want to go to the Promise Land.

Need / Series

Ever wonder why people don't seem to want the good life?

Join the Rebellion against Hopelessness!

Bible (Story / Point)

Israelites spied on the Promise Land. (Numbers 13:1-2)

1The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **2**"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."

Good reports and bad reports. (Numbers 13:25-29)

25At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. **26**And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. **27**And they told him, "We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with

milk and honey, and this is its fruit. ²⁸However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. ²⁹The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

Their Four Fears:

1. **People** (inhabitants)
2. **Pain** (cried all night)
3. **Past** (go back to their past)
4. **Pass Away** (terrified of dying)

The people believed the bad reports.

Gospel (PWR)

What heaven is really going to be like.

1. What will heaven look like? (Revelation 21:1-5)

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor

pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

2. What will we be doing there? (Revelation 21:22-27)

22And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

3. Who will / won't be there? (Revelation 21:7-8)

7The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Some people do not want to go to Heaven! Why?

1. People (what people will think)
2. Pain (too focussed on their hurts than their hope)

3. Past (want to relive their past than their future)
4. Pass Away (don't want to think about death)

Rebel against the sin of Hopelessness.

Story

My experience in fake heaven with fake Jesus.

Life / Lead

Rebel against hopelessness by deepening your hope in Jesus.

1. Give your life to Jesus to go to Heaven.
2. Live your life for Jesus in hope of Heaven.
3. Invite your friends to join you in Heaven.

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