

# “500 Miles Away from Home”



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If you miss the train I'm on, you will know that I am gone  
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles,  
A hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles, a hundred miles,  
You can hear the whistle blow a hundred miles.

**Lord I'm one, Lord I'm two, Lord I'm three, Lord I'm four,  
Lord I'm 500 miles from my home.  
Away from home, away from home, away from home, away from home  
Lord I'm five hundred miles from my home.**

# From Egypt to the Promised Land - Part 2






# From Egypt to Mt Sinai to Promised Land

- Approximately 2 to 3 months after leaving Egypt, the Israelites arrived at Mt. Sinai where they were given the 10 Commandments.
- Several weeks later they arrive at Kadesh-Barnea which is said to be on the edge of what would be the “Promised Land”
- From there it only a hop, skip and jump to the Promised Land!
- And yet it took 40 years to make the trip!!!!

*Story of the spies*


# “Your Mission if you accept....”

- Then the Lord said to Mosers, “Send men out to explore Canaan, the land which I am going to give to the Israelites” (Numbers 13:1,2).
- What can we learn from this  verse ?

- G-D is going TO GIVE THIS LAND to Israel.
- The Land is G-D's possession and He can do with it whatever He wants!
- This is a **FIAT!**

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- What specifically did G-D want the spies to do? (Numbers 13:18-20)?
- What do you think was G-D's intention by sending the spies into the land G-d was going to give His people?
- Was it a real “scouting” excursion?



# Even the best laid plans of G-D can go astray!

- Numbers 13:20, 23



- As G-D said, it was a land “flowing with milk and honey...” (Numbers 13:27).

**BUT ...**

Numbers 13:27

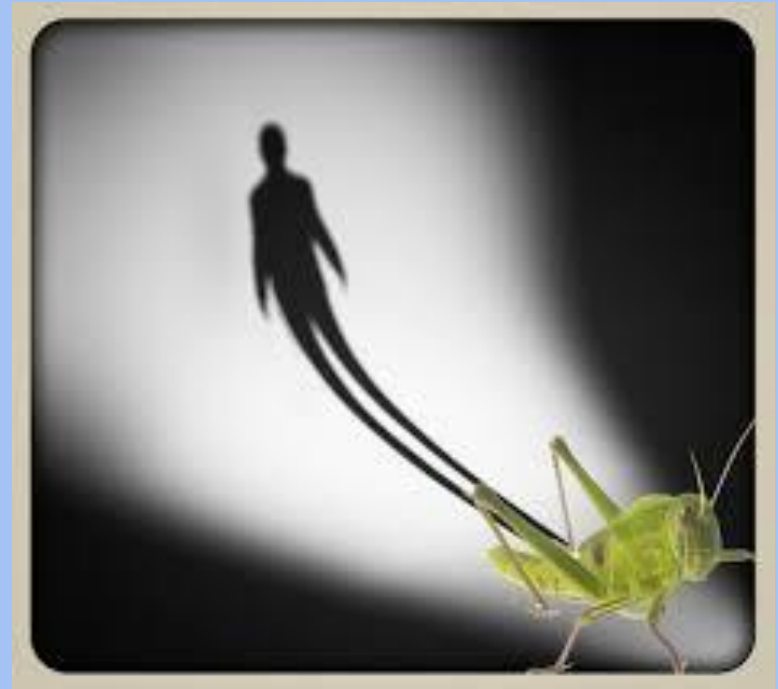


# "Are we men or grasshoppers?"

Nu. 13:27 - land of milk and honey

Nu. 13:28 - fortified cities

Nu: 13:32 - "The land ... is a land that devours its inhabitants, and filled with giants,...and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them."



# What happened?

- The spies sinned by not trusting God's vision and not having faith!
- **A pessimist** observes a situation, generalizes about the bad aspects, and interprets them as permanent and constant.
- **Optimists** observe the same situation and sees the bad aspects, but particularizes them and interprets them as a temporary obstacle that can be overcome!
- The spies were supposed to come back and do a "sales" job on the people.

# Sins of the Spies

They failed to motivate the people to step out  
in faith!

They denied God's power

They turned the community against Moses  
(Nu. 14:11)

One of the lessons we can learn from this story is the need to stay away from negative people



Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals”  
(1 Corinthians 15:33).

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion  
of fools will suffer harm  
(Proverbs 13:20).

Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words  
of knowledge. The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way,  
but the folly of fools is deceiving. Fools mock at the guilt  
offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance (Proverbs 14:7-9).