

# THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

## PART 1

Numbers 13-14

**BIG IDEA:** Navigating the challenges of change necessitate hindsight, insight and foresight be in healthy balance!

# Deuteronomy 1:21-22

‘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.’ 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.’



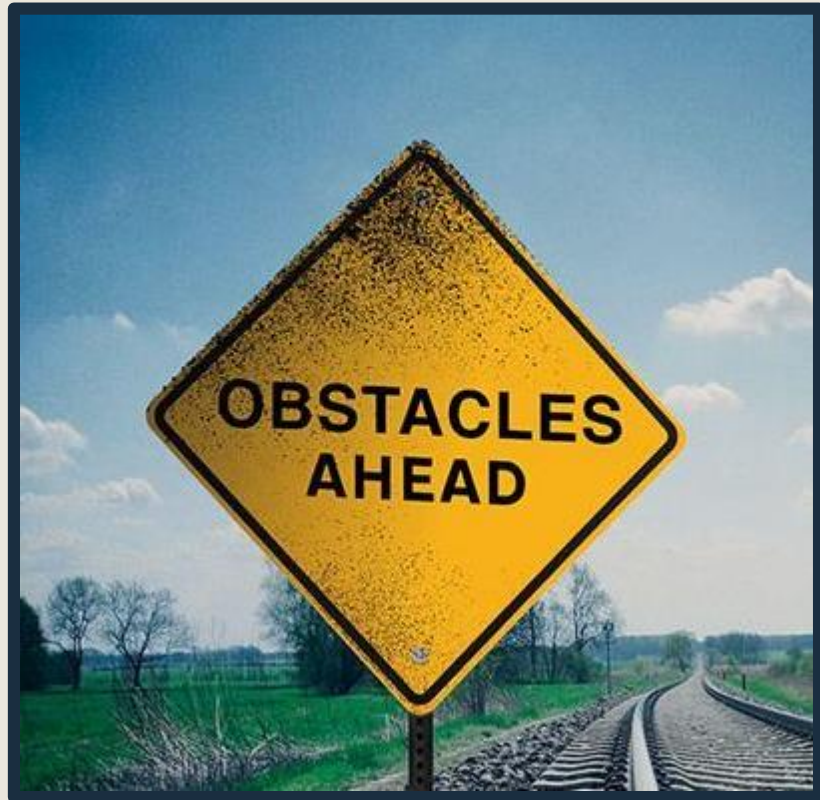
Their assignment was clearly given in Numbers 13:17-20

- **Survey** the land
- **Study** the inhabitants & where they lived
- **Sample** the fruit



# PRINCIPLES TO HIGHLIGHT

## Deuteronomy 1 & Numbers 13



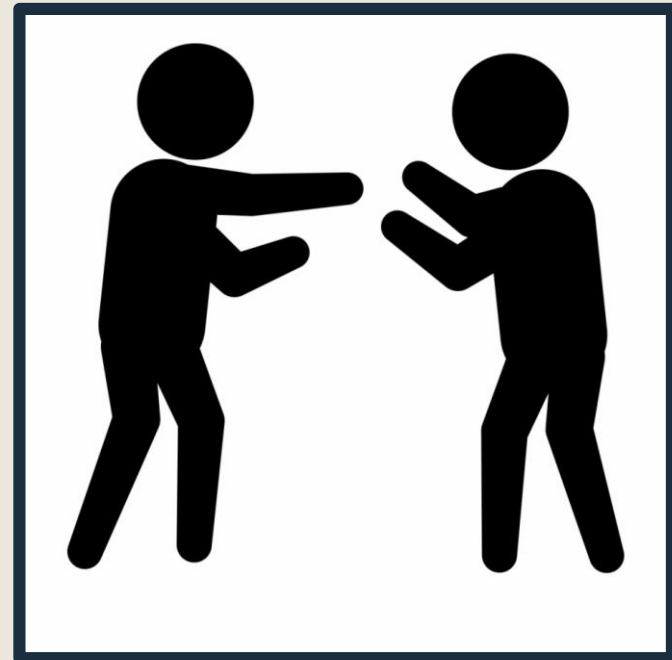
### PRINCIPLE # 1:

Identifying obstacles is not a problem, but allowing them overshadow faith and obedience is problematic!

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PRINCIPLE # 2:  
Conflict always  
accompanies  
change, so expect it!



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PRINCIPLE # 3: Too often we see things not as they are, but as we are!

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### PRINCIPLE # 4:

Not all leaders take their followers in the direction God wants them to go!





# PROBLEMS WITH HINDSIGHT

Numbers 14:1-4

PRINCIPLE # 5:

Feelings are a poor substitute for faith!



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## PRINCIPLE # 6:

When hindsight becomes our focus,  
progressive change becomes impossible!



# PROBLEMS WITH HINDSIGHT

Numbers 14:1-4

There are at least 3 reasons how HINDSIGHT can be harmful:

It can PARALYZE you!

It can POLARIZE you!

It can PENALYZE you!