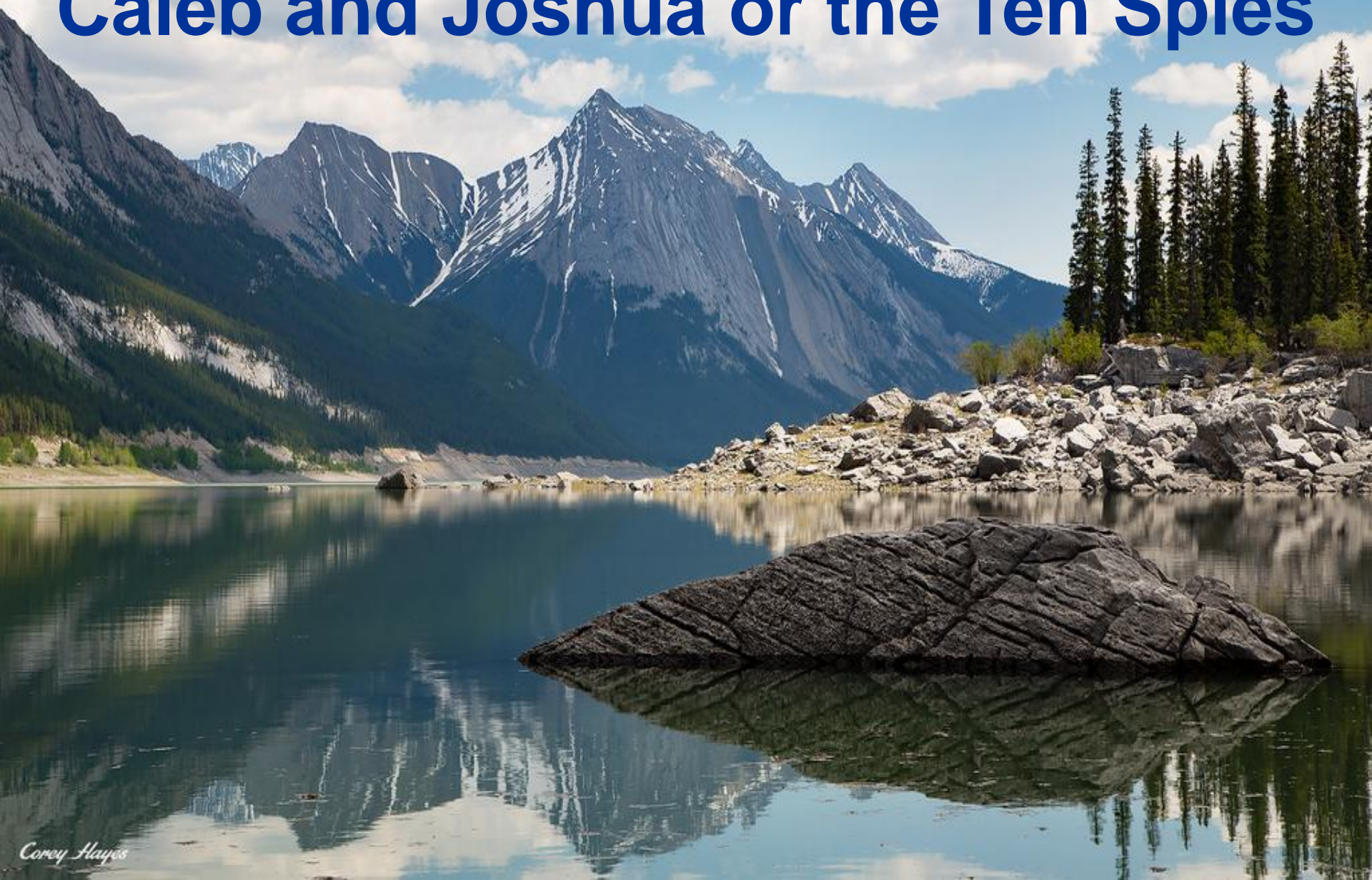


Caleb and Joshua or the Ten Spies



Introduction (1)

- Bible Story Time!
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Romans 15:4

Introduction (2)

- Bible Story Time!

- For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through **patience** and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
Romans 15:4

- **patience**

- the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Introduction (3)

■ Bible Story Time!

- For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and **comfort** of the scriptures might have hope.
Romans 15:4

■ **comfort**

- the easing or alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress.

Introduction (4)

■ Bible Story Time!

- For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have **hope**.
Romans 15:4

■ **hope**

- a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

Introduction (5)

- 2017 will bring with it tests and trials.
- Will you be ready?
- Will you know what to do?
- Do you have a roadmap?
- A true measure of a person is how they handle difficulties.
- Are you the 2 or the 10?

Two Objectives

- Five lessons from our story.
- What made the difference between the two and the ten?

One Purpose

To encourage you to take the
mountains of 2017!

Mountains

- Praising God and Seeking Peace
- Getting Acquainted with God
- Inputs (Friends)
- Forgotten Sins (Implacable, Highminded, Tumults)
- Weighing Risky Decisions
- Being Thankful
- Finishing Your Race

Five Lessons



Go! (1)

- When the LORD tells you to go, then GO!
- When the LORD is clear in His instruction we must not question Him.
- The spies were not sent to see if they could take the land but to see what kind of land they would be getting.

Go! (2)

- Genesis 15:18-21

In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, **Unto thy seed have I given this land,** from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

- 19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
- 20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,
- 21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Go! (3)

- Deuteronomy 1:21-22

Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: **go up and possess it**, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

- 22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, **We will send men before us**, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

Go! (4)

- Deuteronomy 5:29

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE
CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR

Stay Focused (1)

- After forty days of looking at the giants they had gotten bigger.
- They had taken their eyes off of the “milk and honey” and could only see the giants.
- They even agreed that the land was as promised.

Stay Focused (2)

- 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.
- 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

Stay Focused (3)

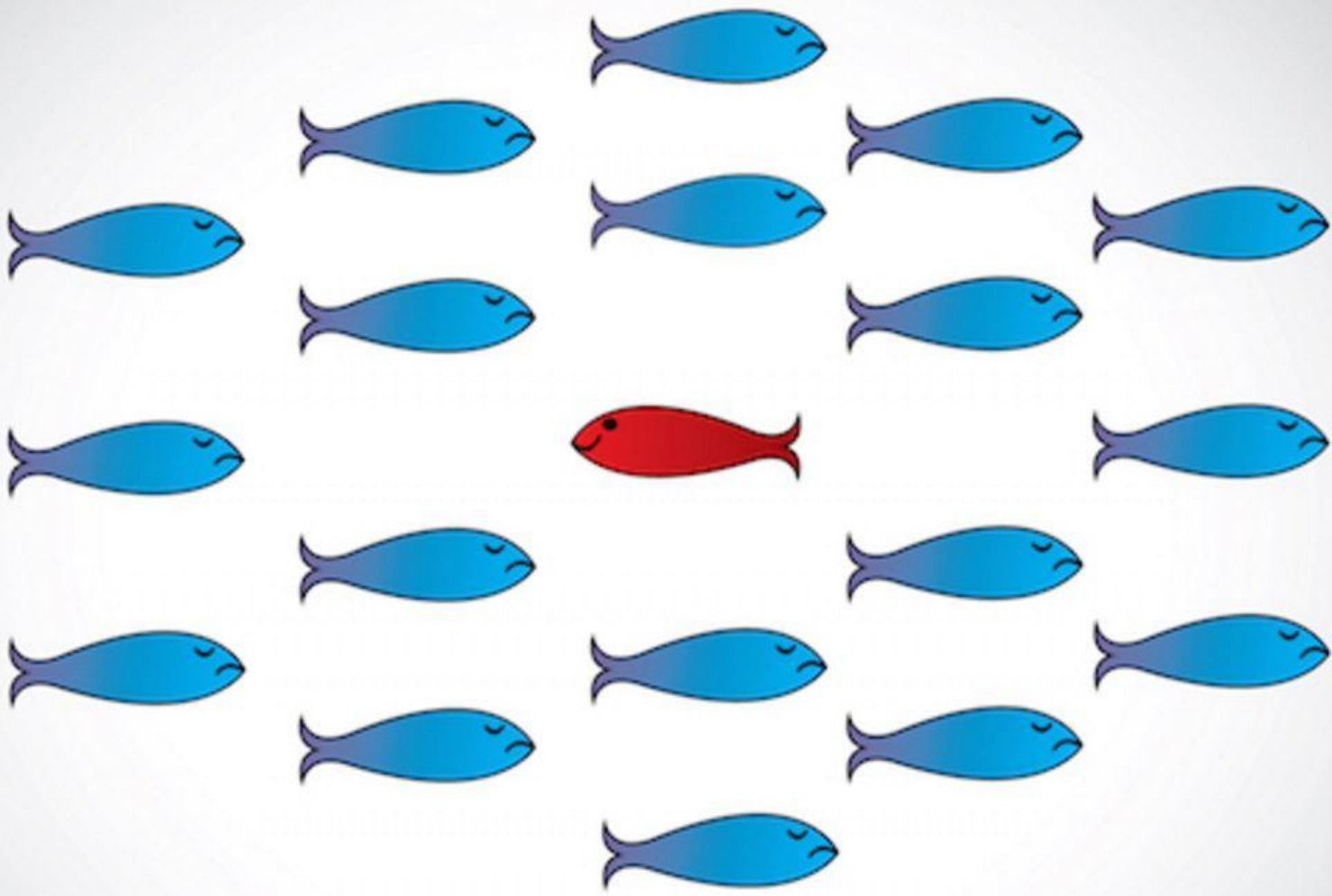
- 28 **Nevertheless** the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.
- 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

Stay Focused (4)

- 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we **saw** in it are men of a great stature.
- 33 And there we **saw** the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own **sight** as grasshoppers, and so we were in their **sight**.

Stay Focused (5)

- They should have seen the “walled cities” that they would not have to build.
- They should have looked at the clusters of grapes from a vineyard they would not have to plant.
- They should have remembered the ten plagues of Egypt not the children of Anak.



The Majority Is Not Always Right (1)

- Truth has always been held by a minority.
- How many in Noah's day?
- How many in Jeremiah's day?
- How many in Paul's day?
- How many in Jesus' day?
- How many do we have here?

The Majority Is Not Always Right (2)

- 30 And **Caleb** stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.
- 31 But **the men** that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

The Majority Is Not Always Right (3)

- 1 And **all the congregation** lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.
- 2 And **all the children of Israel** murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!
- 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

The Majority Is Not Always Right (4)

- Do you hear them working themselves into a Tumult!

The Majority Is Not Always Right (5)

- 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, **Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!**
- 3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?
- 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.



Godly Reasoning (1)

- Abraham, for Lot and his family.
- David, for more years to praise God.
- Samuel, for God's people.
- Job, for his three friends.
- Joshua, for this very people.
- Nehemiah, Hezekiah, Asa, etc.

Godly Reasoning (2)

- 13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)
- 14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.
- 15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,
- 16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.
- 17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,
- 18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.
- 19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

Godly Reasoning (2)

- 20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:
- 21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

**WHEN RED
LIGHT SHOWS
WAIT HERE**

Stop (1)

- 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.
- 41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye **transgress** the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.
- 42 **Go not up**, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.
- 43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: **because ye are turned away from the LORD**, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

Stop (2)

- 44 But they **presumed** to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.
- 45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and **discomfited them**, even unto Hormah.

Two Differences

Courage

*mental or moral strength to venture,
persevere, and withstand danger,
fear, or difficulty*

Courage (1)

- 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.**

Courage (2)

- 24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

OR

Courage (3)

- 31 **But** the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; **for they are stronger than we.**

Courage (4)

- 10.a But **all** the congregation bade **stone** them with stones.

Courage (5)

- How soon they forget!
 - Abraham
 - Isaac
 - Jacob
 - Egypt
 - Etc.
- Where have we forgotten?

Commitment

The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or activity.

Commitment (1)

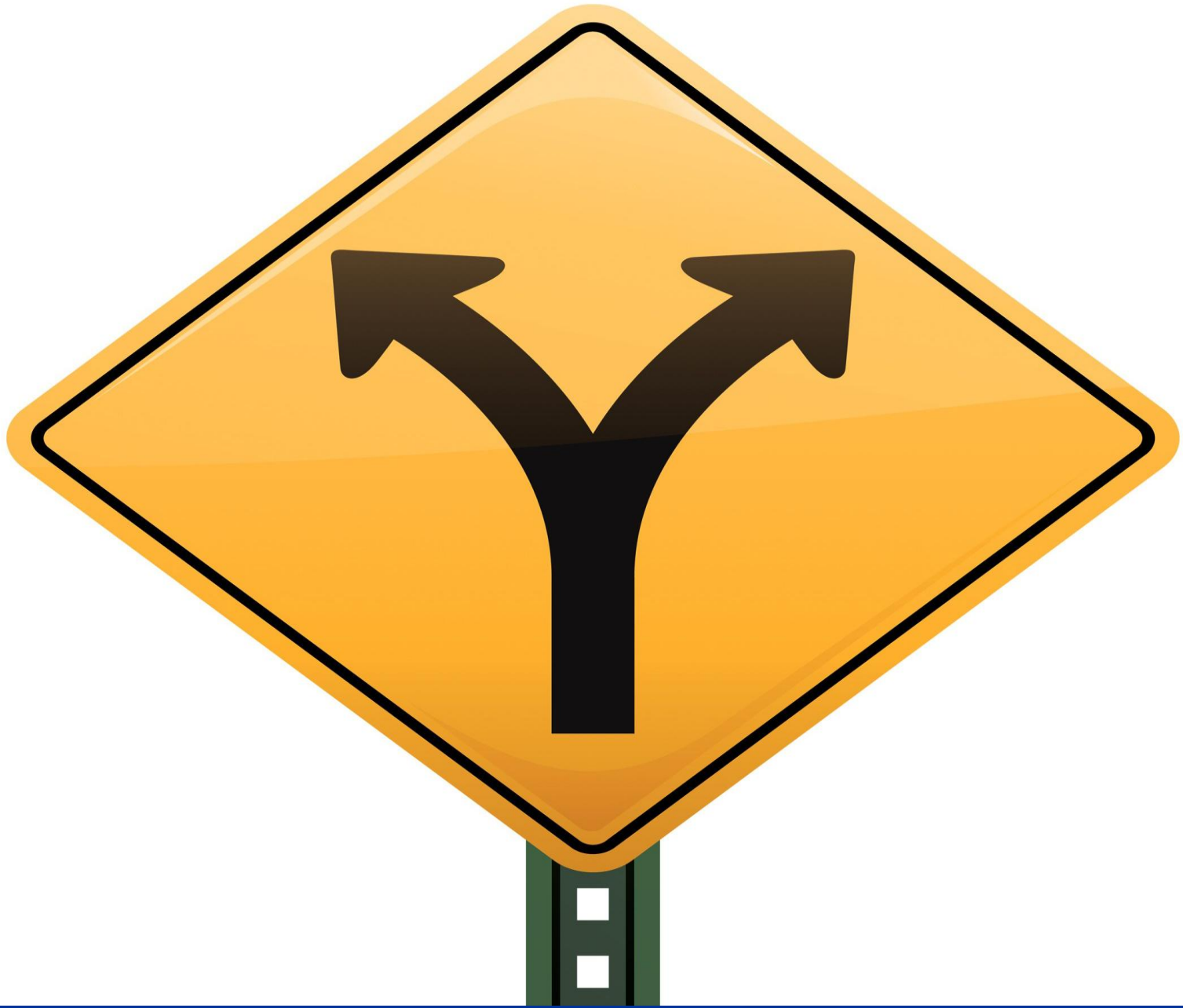
- 6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, **rent their clothes:**
- 7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.
- 8 If the LORD delight in us, **then he will bring us into this land,** and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.
- 9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, **neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us:** their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: **fear them not.**

OR

Commitment (2)

- 4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us **return into Egypt**.

So how does
the story end!



28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 ¶ And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.

8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

2017 will have its giants!

But...

If we will go when God tells us to go...

Stay focused on the objective...

Stop when we are told to stop...

No matter the World around us...

And speak often with our God...

Then the mountains will be ours...

The giants seem as but grasshoppers...

The God of Caleb our defense...

Where an everlasting rest awaits...

In a place much better than Canaan...

To spend eternity with the fairest of 10,000...