

This week Andy presented installment 5 of his 7 part series on "Big, Big God". Andy used the history of Israel coming out of the wilderness the first time, having just left Egypt, and sending twelve spies into the land God promised them, to illustrate how we tend to think about God in too small terms. Only two of the twelve spies believed God when He said that He would hand the land over to them. The other ten looked at the people of the land and immediately thought that it would be impossible to conquer them. They allowed their human perspective to overwhelm God's promise to them. They immediately wanted to go back to Egypt and to the slavery they had known there because their old life was familiar to them. As a result, the generation that would not leave the old life behind died in the wilderness and it was their children born in the wilderness that conquered the land of promise forty years later.

If you only see your situation only through your natural eyes, you invite discouragement, discontent, defeat, and ultimately failure to run your life. Don't take slavery to the "familiar" over God's freedom in the future. When God calls you to make a change in your life, remember that He never asks you to do something you cannot achieve. Look at your new situation through the eyes of faith. Go in. Make the effort. Conquer the land He promises to you!

In 2008, what is the new land God has promised you? Are you willing to take on the "giants"?