



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Were you ever afraid of the dark when you were a kid?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How would you describe fear?
  - a. Look up a definition of fear.
  - b. What are different types of fears?
3. There was a time when fear gripped the Israelites and prevented them from entering the Promised Land. Before we look at this story, let's look at the promise. Please read Genesis 17:7-8.
4. Do you think God has a "Promised Land" for us today?
  - a. What does that life look like to you? Talk about it.
5. Approximately 1300 BC, Moses led Israel out of Egypt. They leave Egypt and are on their way to the Promised Land. When they get to the border, they have to make some decisions. According to Numbers chapter 12, who's idea was it to send out 12 spies into the Promised Land?
  - a. Why do you think this was suggested?
  - b. What was the purpose?
  - c. Who did the 12 spies represent?
6. What was their report back to Moses?
  - a. Please read their report out loud.
  - b. What was the good and bad of the report?
  - c. What were the "show stoppers" for the spies?
7. These giants are talked about. Compare with Genesis 6:4; Numbers 13:33; and Deuteronomy 2:10. Do you think this was concerning Israel?
  - a. Are there any giants in your life that seem or appear to be bigger than you?
8. Why do you think God allowed giants to live in the Promised Land?
9. How do you see fear working through their minds?
  - a. At what point do you think fear became a factor?



- b. What did Caleb tell the Israelites?
10. According to Numbers 14:1-4, how did this fear progress?
  - a. Based on Numbers 14:34, what was the consequence for the fear?
  - b. Have you ever felt like you were living in the consequence of a fear decision?
11. About 800 years later, Moses is dead. Joshua is the new leader. They just spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness. The Israelites are at the border of the Promised Land again. This is their, "That used to be us" moment. Will they let fear grip them, again?
  - a. It's a new generation. Please read Joshua 1:1-9.
  - b. What is the main theme of this passage?
  - c. What is God telling you?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Fear: An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat.
- Fear can keep you out of the Promised Land.
- God wants you to fight for your Promised Land. He wants you to work through fear and the limits of your strength. Then you will learn it's never been about your strength; it's always been about His Spirit, and you will give credit to God for the victory.
- Any time God calls you to a better life, there will always be a line of faith to cross and giants to overcome.
- God's promised land for you requires spiritual strength.