
Well Able To Overcome

Vision in The Land of Giants

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Sermon: Vision in The Land of Giants: Well Able To Overcome

Lesson Text

Numbers 13:26–33 (AV)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. 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. 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. 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.

Deuteronomy 1:28 (AV) ²⁸ Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

Introduction

Our Theme for this year is “God’s Plan”:

- Jeremiah 29: ¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- Jeremiah 29:11 (BSB) ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope.

So far, we’ve studied God’s Plan to Prosper Us, His Plan for our Trouble, and His Vision Plan; Let’s now explore his Plan for our Promise!

Numbers 13:1–2 (AV)¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ² Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: ...

And what they found was that the promise was everything that God said. But they had a problem, it was surrounded by Huge Giants and Great Walls.

What do you do when you find your Vision; but it’s in the middle of unconquerable Giants, and insurmountable Walls?

Some people do what the first generation of people did, go back into the wilderness and die; hoping that the Giants will leave, and the walls will fall down.

But we have to be just like when the next generation came back, the giants and walls were still there. But they had the answer all along. God had a plan.

Numbers 13: 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.

Here's how David put it when he ran into his Giants and Wall: Psalm 18: ²⁹ For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

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“Well Able To Overcome People, Well Able To Overcome Walls, Well Able to Overcome Giants”

I. Well Able To Overcome People

Numbers 13: 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.

There are two types of people you are going to have to deal with if you are to realize the Vision in the Land of the Giants; and they are Strong!

The obvious group are the Giants that make us look like grasshoppers, incapable of overcoming their size. We will deal with them later.

But this other group is not so obvious. Why? Because they are right next to you; the ones that are the closest to you. The ones that you went through your journey with, your best friends, your lovers, brothers and sisters, your family.

Deuteronomy 1: ²⁸ Whither shall we go up? **our brethren have discouraged our heart**, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

The Giants Intimidate us, but our brothers Discourage us; and we've got to overcome them.

Before we can overcome the Giants (The Intimidators), we've must overcome our People (The Discouragers)!

I know there are Giants, but you better look out for those who keep telling you about the Giants: “Why are you always telling me about what they did, what they said, what you heard?”

You've got to learn how to tell people to “Shush!” Have you ever had somebody to “Shush” you?

Numbers 13: 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.

Caleb told the discouragers to “Shush,” “Y’all be Still!”

Whenever somebody works you up about your giants, tell them to “Shush” and “Be Still.”

When fear comes on you, shush and be still; When anger comes on you, shush and be still; When hurt comes on you, shush and be still; When devastation comes on you, shush and be still!

“Shush and Be Still, because you are Well Able To Overcome”

II. Well Able To Overcome Walls

Numbers 13: 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.

Not only are there people to overcome, but there are walls that must be overcome as well.

Walls represent barriers, barricades, obstructions, obstacles, and strongholds.

Walls are designed to keep things and people out. The enemy will construct walls to dissuade us from going after our promises or vision.

Deuteronomy 1: ²⁸ Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; **the cities are great and walled up to heaven**; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

These are not just regular walls, but great walls as high as the eye can see.

Always remember this, the greater the wall, the bigger the blessing; And we are well able to Overcome Them!

Some Walls you will have to leap over, but some Walls you will have to Tear Down!

Leap Over Your Walls:

- Psalm 18: ²⁹ For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- Luke 6:23 (AV)²³ **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.**

Tear Down Your Walls:

- 2 Corinthians 10:4 (AV)⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- Jeremiah 1:10 (AV)¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.
- Matthew 11:12 (AV)¹² **And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.**

“Leap Over It or Tear It Down, because You are Well Able to Overcome”

III. Well Able To Overcome Giants

Numbers 13: 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.***

- First, we have to “Shush and Be Still” to Overcome the People that discourage us!
- Next, we have to “Leap Over or Tear Down” to Overcome the Obstacles that tell us to give up!
- Finally, we have to “Stand Up” to Overcome the Giants that make us feel we are not able!

Numbers 13: 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.

The goal of giants is not really to fight you, but to make you give up on the fight. Their size serves only to intimidate you from even getting in the fight.

Earlier I told you there were two types of people we would need to overcome in the Land of Giants.

- The first group of people are those who discourage the Giants.
- But then there are the actual Giants that want to intimidate us. Give up, because you are too small, too weak, too poor, too hurt, too broken, too devastated to fight us.

The answer to the Giants is to stop crouching down like a grasshopper and stand up! Because once you stand up to a Giant, you will realize that you are a Giant too! And that you are Well Able to Overcome!

Stand Up Because You Are Well Able To Overcome:

- Ephesians 3:20 (AV)²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
- 1 John 4:4 (AV)⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
- Romans 8:37 (AV)³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- Philippians 4:13 (AV)¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

“Stand Still, Leap Over, Tear Down, and Stand Up because You are Well Able to Overcome”

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Well Able To Overcome)

Lesson Text

- Numbers 13:26–33, Deuteronomy 1:28

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Well Able To Overcome People*

II. *Well Able To Overcome Walls*

III. *Well Able To Overcome Giants*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What do you love most about the summer season? What do you like least about it?
2. Riddle: I am the beginning of everything, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, and the end of every place. What am I?
 - i. (Best answer to last week’s Brainteaser: *The room with the lions was safer because the lions would be dead after not eating for three years.*)

II. Into the Bible

1. Deuteronomy 3:11 gives a clue as to just how big a giant could be in Old Testament times. It says that Og, King of Bashan, had an iron bed that was 9 cubits long and 4 cubits wide. Read this verse in a modern translation. What was the size of this giant king’s bed in feet?
2. Read Acts 4:21-31. Describe what the early church did when Peter and John told them of the threats they received from the rulers of the people after a healing miracle. What did God do when they stood up to this giant intimidation? What lessons can we take from this for times when we are faced with threats to the vision God has given us?

III. Life Application

1. When facing an obstacle to your vision, what factors determine whether you leap over it or tear it down? What plan of action would you take either way?
2. What are some giants that are keeping you from your promises? Why do you consider them giants? What is your confession of victory when you stand against them?