



Day 17: COURAGE TO BELIEVE GOD'S WAY

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 13-14 (ESV)

Observation:

I knew I needed to go home and be with my family. I heard my pastor preach about the importance of being a godly leader in my home. But, when the men at work asked me to go out after work, I had a decision to make. As I was making my decision, I began to pray to God for guidance and direction.

The story of Joshua and Caleb came to mind. These two were part of the spies sent by Moses to view the Promise Land that God had promised the Israelites. Joshua and Caleb went against the grain. The other spies said they could not get into the Promised Land, but Joshua and Caleb believed God and His promises. They spoke the truth and stood on the promises of God despite what the other men were saying.

I made my decision to follow where God was leading me. I chose to go home and be with my family despite what my other co-workers were going to say. That decision was the struggle between my flesh and my spirit. My flesh did not want to face the men and hear the comments. However, in my spirit, I knew I needed to be home. Decisions to go against the grain take courage and that courage comes from knowing God's Way and God's Will.

Application:

- Write about a time when you have been faced with a decision between your flesh and your spirit?
- How can you find the courage to follow where He leads despite what others say?

- How can you find the courage to believe that, in spite of the circumstances, He will keep His promise?

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