

# A Daring Church Church Clearly – Part 1

Numbers 13-14  
September 13, 2009

"Where there is no vision, the people perish..." Proverbs 29:18

## 1. VISION COMES FROM INSPIRATION.

"Vision is a God-given plan that He desires to become a man-made reality. God makes the vision possible, man makes vision real."

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21

"The Lord now said to Moses, 'Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites...'" Numbers 13:1-2a

## 2. VISION CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION.

"...Send out men to explore the land of Canaan...Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes." Numbers 13:2

"But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendents of Anak." Numbers 13:28

## 3. VISION CAUSES IRRITATION.

"But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. 'We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!' So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: 'The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there, the descendents of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers and that's what they thought too!' Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night." Numbers 13:31-14:1

### • 7 Types of People Who Hinder a Vision

- **Limited Leaders.**
- **Concrete Thinkers.**
- **Satisfied Sitters.**
- **Tradition Lovers.**
- **Census Takers.**
- **Problem Perceivers.**
- **Failure Forecasters.**

## 4. VISION CREATES IMAGINATION.

"But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. 'Let's go up at once to take the land,' he said. 'We can conquer it.'" Numbers 13:30

"And if the Lord is pleased with us, He will bring us safely into the land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them!" Numbers 14:8-9