

## NEVER GIVE UP

### Major things that tempt us to give up

- a) **Problems/Fear:** Challenges we face beyond our expectations. The Promised Land (Canaan) had giants in it and it challenged the 10 spies out of the 12 that had been assigned to Spy the Land. Big expectation was to see milk and honey as promised and not giants.
- b) **People:** They will disappoint and criticize us. Those negative attitudes spread and make us want to give up.

Numbers 14:36-37 (ESV)

<sup>36</sup>And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing up a bad report about the land— <sup>37</sup>the men who brought up a bad report of the land—died by plague before the Lord.

### **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be discouraged.**

Psalm 112:7(ESV) He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord

Joshua and Caleb were not waived by the bad report. They stood firm, trusting the Lord.

Job received bad news but never gave up.

Job 1:20-22 (ESV) <sup>20</sup>Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup>And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." <sup>22</sup>In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

### **We Must not look at our circumstances with a natural eye but with the eye of the spirit. Regardless of how badly things appear to be.**

2 Corinthians 4:18 (KJV) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

### **No matter what you are facing, you are not alone. God is with you.**

2 Kings 6:15-17 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup>He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup>Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

### **No matter what your circumstances look like, your expectation creates manifestation. Trust in God. Do not give up. You are more than a conqueror.**

2 Chronicles 15:7 (NIV) But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."