

## “To Infinity And Beyond”

### Numbers 13:1-3, 17-20 (NKJV)

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-20 <sup>1</sup>“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>‘Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them.’ <sup>3</sup>So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel...<sup>17</sup>Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, ‘Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains,’<sup>18</sup>and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; <sup>19</sup>whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; <sup>20</sup>whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land.’ Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.” (NKJV)

### 1. God’s For

Exodus 3:7,8 <sup>7</sup>“I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey...” (NKJV)

1. Why did God want His people to leave Egypt?

### 2. God’s For

Exodus 13:17,18 <sup>17</sup>“Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, ‘Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.’ <sup>18</sup>So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.” (NKJV)

2. Why didn’t God take them on the shortest route to The Promised Land?

### 3. God’s With

Numbers 13:27,28 <sup>27</sup>“They told Moses, ‘We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup>Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.” (NKJV)

3. What is the problem with what these leaders were saying?

### 4. God’s For

In February of 1953, God revealed His plan for a church that He wanted to have a significant impact upon Smyrna, GA and ultimately the world. A small group of people would gather in the home of Buck and Betty Graham and Smyrna Assembly of God would begin as God had planned.

4. Why do you think God wanted our church to be started?

### 5. God’s For

Over the next 56 years, Smyrna Assembly of God would grow to become a healthy, life-giving church. Thousands of people would be ministered to and millions of dollars would be given to reach the world with the message of Jesus Christ.

5. Have we completed God’s plan for our church?

### 6. God’s With

Much like Israel, we are positioned at the doorway of our Promised Land...but a problem has arisen. While we have accomplished a lot, if we aren’t careful, we will fail to possess The Promised Land because we don’t think we need to go any further. God wants His church at Smyrna Assembly to grow! The only way His church grows is by His church reaching out to others.

6. Is growing comfortable a problem, after all that we have done, or do we deserve to just rest for awhile?

