

# Yielding Yourself to God's High Expectations

## Numbers 13:26-31

- I. God begins an expectation heightening program, Genesis 15:18; 17:2; 28:13-14; 50:24.
- II. God's people yield themselves to low expectations, Numbers 13:31. Received what they expected.
- III. Two believers yield to God's high expectations, Numbers 13:30. Received what they expected.
- IV. Yielding yourself to high expectations.
  - A. Resist natural human expectations.
    1. Humans are naturally hostile toward God and His promises, Romans 8:7
    2. Moses tries helping the people resist human nature, Deuteronomy 1:30-31.
    3. They refused to resist their natural low expectations, Deuteronomy 1:26; Numbers 13:33.
    4. Say "no" to the fears you feel, Joshua 14:8-9, 14.
  - B. Surrender yourself to God's high expectations.
    1. God-size expectations never fit into human-size logic, Proverbs 3:5.
    2. So most humans reject God-size expectations, Numbers 13:31; Matthew 19:21-22.
    3. But believers CHOOSE to yield to God's expectations, Numbers 13:30.
    4. Believers can't figure things out. They figure on God's help, Psalm 118:6-7.
    5. Yielding enables us to step out of human size logic into God-size logic, Psalm 31:19; Proverbs 23:18; 24:14; Jeremiah 29:11, Ephesians 3:20.
    6. Those who surrender themselves to God's high expectations go beyond - not out of - their mind, Numbers 14:8-9.
- V. "You will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed," Isaiah 49:23.