

The background of the slide is a landscape photograph. It shows a range of mountains in the distance, with a prominent peak in the center. The sky is a pale, hazy yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall tone is soft and atmospheric.

Joshua: Overcoming the Grasshopper Complex


Joshua 1:9; Numbers 13:25-33; Numbers 14:5-10

Nurturer

Adventurer



The most prevalent tool Satan uses that
paralyzes our walk of faith is the
Grasshopper complex

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At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

Numbers 13:25-27

²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan. ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”

Numbers 13:28-29, 31

“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

Numbers 13:30

That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

Numbers 14:1-4

And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

Numbers 13:32-33

Why the Grasshopper Complex

The Canaanites were better **ARMED**



WHY the Grasshopper Complex?

The Canaanites lived in ***WALLED CITIES***



WHY the Grasshopper Complex?

The Canaanites were ***BIGGER***





GOD IS FOR YOU



Perspective
Changes Everything

O Lord God of Heaven's Armies! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord? You are entirely faithful. You rule the oceans. You subdue their storm-tossed waves. You crushed the great sea monster. You scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours—you created it all. You created north and south. Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon praise your name. Powerful is your arm! Strong is your hand! Your right hand is lifted high in glorious strength.

Psalm 89:8-13

We adopt the Grasshopper complex when we turn away from our God given challenge for fear we lack the resources to tackle it, or when we avoid facing a problem that is hindering our walk of faith.

Characteristics of the Grasshopper Complex

A Doubting *Heart*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GRASSHOPPER COMPLEX

A DISTORTED *Self Image*

CHARACTERISTICS OfThe GRASSHOPPER COMPLEX

A DOUBLE MIND


‘I know the Lord has given you this land,’ she told them. ‘We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. 10 For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea[b] when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed.[c] 11 No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

Joshua 2:8-11

I am REDEEMED
I am CALLED, CHOSEN, ADOPTED
I am a CHILD of God
I am a NEW CREATION
I am a ROYAL PREISTHOOD & HOLY NATION
I am CRUCIFIED with Christ
I am DEAD to sin but ALIVE to God
I am His WORKMANSHIP
I am Gods FRIEND
I am an HEIR

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

It is to unite with those who have the courage to take their resources and with the promise, presence and provision of God move forward in the promise God has prepared for you!

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The REMEDY

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said,
“We should go up and take possession of the land, for
we can certainly do it.”

Numbers 13:30

Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes, and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

Numbers 14:5-9

If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. , Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

Numbers 14:5-9


When our eyes are on the Giants we will
feel like grasshoppers; When our eyes are
on God the giants become the
grasshopper



"Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I'll beat you th next time because you've grown all you are going to grow. . . but I'm still growing!"

Edmund Hilary

‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’



Whose report will you believe?