

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Part 7: The Contrast and Effect

Text: Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

THE CONTRASTING VOICES (*Numbers 13:30-33 NKJV*)

- A. The minority voices of “we can”
 - 1. Caleb had to quiet the people - stirred up by the “nevertheless”
 - 2. Let’s go now, we are well able to overcome
 - 3. Caleb was voicing what he believed
- B. The majority voices of “we can’t”
 - 1. We can’t do this - the people are stronger
 - 2. They brought a bad report - when you go negative it’s easy to keep going
 - 3. Their perspectives were tainted
- C. Majority rules - and that’s not always good (*Numbers 14:1-4 NKJV*)
 - 1. If the people had believed Caleb they would not have cried all night (*1 Peter 1:8 NKJV*)
 - 2. Then they ventured further into the negative forest
 - 3. Then blamed the Lord for this calamity

CONTRAST AND EFFECT

- A. A totally different perspective (*Numbers 14:6-10 NKJV*)
 - 1. They reiterated the goodness of the land
 - 2. They were the only ones who mentioned the Lord’s help
 - 3. Don’t rebel against the Lord
 - 4. Don’t fear the people (*Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV*)
- B. The reason for the different perspective (*Joshua 14:7-8 NKJV*)
 - 1. Caleb recognized that the other leaders hurt people with their words (*Proverbs 18:21 NKJV*)
 - 2. He said what was in his heart
 - 3. Speaking what was in his heart was following God fully (*Numbers 14:22-24 NKJV*)