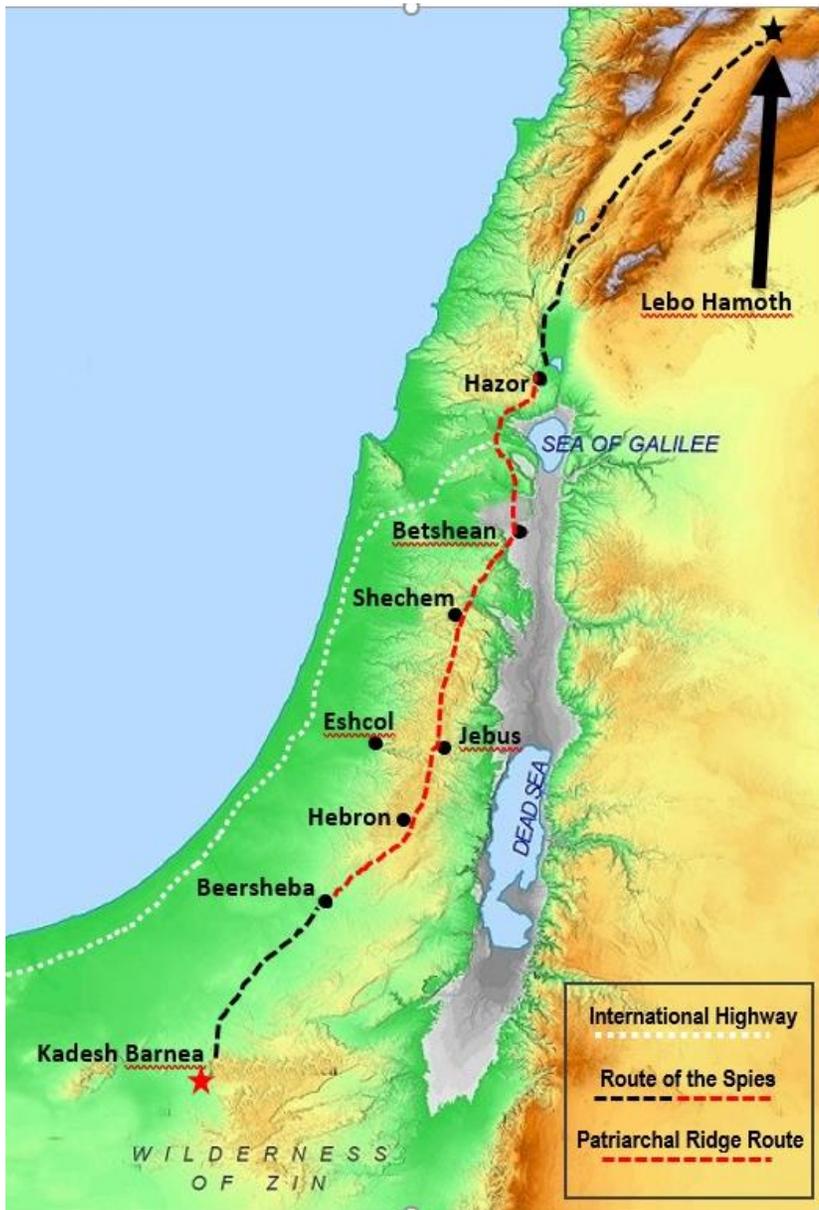


# NAVIGATING THE IN BETWEEN

Overcoming the Grasshopper Complex—Message #8 Pastor Joel DeSelm



Numbers 13:25-33; 14:6-9

<sup>25</sup> After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned <sup>26</sup> to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land. <sup>27</sup> This was their report to Moses: “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country — a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. <sup>28</sup> But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! <sup>30</sup> But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!” <sup>31</sup> But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. “We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!” <sup>32</sup> So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: “The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge: <sup>33</sup> We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!” <sup>6</sup> Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, ripped their clothing <sup>7</sup> and said to all the people, “It is a wonderful country ahead, <sup>8</sup> and the Lord loves us. He will bring us safely into the land and give it to us. It is very fertile, a land ‘flowing with milk and honey!’ <sup>9</sup> Oh, do not rebel against the Lord, and do not fear the people of the land. For they are but bread for us to eat! The Lord is with us and has removed His protection from them! Don’t be afraid of them!”

## The Truths about Giants

1. There will \_\_\_\_\_ be giants in the land.
2. Giants can intimidate us by their sheer \_\_\_\_\_ and number, preventing us from discovering all God has for us.
3. Giants can be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Keys to Overcoming Giants

1. Overcomers start with the premise that God \_\_\_\_\_ me and is always \_\_\_\_\_ me.
2. Overcomers remember that God plans, purposes, and designs for my life are always for my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Overcomers are committed to doing God’s \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_, not their own way.