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3 Results of an Unclear Vision:

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3. **Collision** – 1 Timothy 1:19 (GW)

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Before people can succeed at a goal, they have to see the goal.

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After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned 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.

There was a major problem with 10 of the 12 spies:

- **10 spies viewed the land with fear.**
- **2 spies viewed the land with faith.**

How's my vision for 2023?

The 5 Traps of Viewing the Future with Fear Instead of Faith:

1

I overemphasize the negative situations in my life.

Numbers 12:27-28a (TLB)

This was their report: "We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' Here is some fruit we have brought as proof. **But** the people living there are powerful, and their cities are fortified and very large; we also saw the Anakim, descendants of Anak, who are living there!"

"But" is a slippery slope to good enough.

Be honest, which spies represent my outlook right now?

(Circle one and be honest with yourself)

- **Joshua and Caleb with faith-filled eyes?**
- **Or the other 10 with fear-filled eyes?**

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I focus my attention on what others are doing.

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"We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley."

What the spies said, we often say:

- There's no room for us there.
- There's not enough resources for us.
- There's not enough wealth for us.
- There's really no reason for us to build there.

3

I underestimate the strength and abilities God has given me.

Numbers 13:31 (NLT)

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!"

Two vision-killing words: "I can't."

Did you know the person who says "I can't" and the one who says "I can" are both right? Both are projecting their future either by fear or by faith.

Numbers 13:32b-33 (NIV)

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."

4

I infect others with my negativity.

Numbers 13:32a (NLT)

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."

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You can recognize fools by the way they give full vent to their rage and let their words fly! But the wise bite their tongues and hold back all they could say.

Isaiah 8:12 (GW)

"Don't say that everything these people call a conspiracy is a conspiracy. Don't fear what they fear. Don't let it terrify you."

Fear is contagious.

5

I make myself miserable and depressed.

Numbers 14:1-2 (NLT)

Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. "If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they complained.

Israel's Consequences of Fear:

- **My sadness increases.**
“The whole community cried all night.”
- **My complaining increases.**
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- **My trust in my leaders decreases.**
“...against Moses and Aaron.”
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What’s the antidote for Israel’s fear?

Develop a life of courageous faith by obeying the Lord and refusing to rebel against His will.

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Who were the people that made God angry for 40 years? Weren’t they the ones that sinned and died in the desert? And who did God say would never enter his place of rest? Weren’t they the ones that disobeyed him? We see that those people did not enter the place of rest because they did not have faith.

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