

Sunday School Lesson by John R. Brayboy

Accept God's Guidance
Numbers 13:25-28, 30-31, 14:6-10a, 28-30
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I. The Spies' Search and Report (Numbers 13:25-28)

God had moved the Israelites next to the land that He had promised that they would possess. Now God instructed Moses to send spies into the land, one from each tribe and bring back a report about the people dwelling there and the land. Moses told them to spend 40 days searching the land and its people. The spies made a thorough search and looked for all the things that they had been instructed to look for. We might wonder why God wanted spies to go into the land when He knew everything about it. God wants a people who will trust Him and accept on His word.

If God is on our side we can overcome any and all obstacles that come our way. The spies came back after forty days to give their report. They went to Moses and Aaron and found a crowd gathered to hear what they had found out about their new home. The spies reported that the land did flow with milk and honey. To prove what they said they showed them some of the fruit they brought with them from the land. Undoubtedly they must have been excited because they had found out about their new home.

a negative. They began talking about how strong the people were. When leaders in a church start doubting what God can do, then the congregation will become doubtful.

II. Caleb's Report (12:30-31)
Ten of the spies had spoken and literally said there was no way that they could take the land. Thank God for those who believe and trust God. Caleb quieted the people and told them that all that the spies had said was true; but that they needed to go ahead into the land. Caleb no doubt had seen God's hand move among the people on many occasions during their exodus and now he believed that God would do what He said again. Of course, the ten spies said this people is much too strong us. We only needed to exercise faith to see God move.

III. Joshua and Caleb's Report (14:6-10a)

Joshua and Caleb became very upset that the people wanted to follow the other spies' advice. The Israelites began complaining that they would have been better off to have stayed in Egypt. Joshua told the people to let's go take this land because God will give it to us. Joshua gave them a word of advice, not to rebel against God. When people rebel against God and His leaders, they will face dangerous consequences. Instead of listening to Joshua and Caleb, the people wanted to stone them. It is not a good thing to go against the program of God. I can cause us to lose out on many good things. The one and most important thing is that it might mean the loss of a soul that God would have saved. As children of God we have a great

responsibility to do what is pleasing to God, not only for our sake, but for others also.

IV. God's Sentence and Moses' Intercession (14:28-30)

Rebelling against the word of God is a very dangerous thing to do. Pharaoh's rebellion cost him his life. The Israelites were in stone's throw of the promised land and refused to believe God. Because of their rebellion, God wanted to destroy them immediately but Moses interceded again on their behalf. Thank the Lord that God is a merciful God. Christians can thank God that we have Jesus making intercession on our behalf today. God heard Moses' plea for mercy for the people and granted his request not to destroy them. God told Moses that except for Joshua and Caleb everyone above twenty years old would die in the wilderness. They would not enter into the Promised Land.

Because of the people's rebellion it cost them their inheritance and the blessings of God. God told them they would bear their iniquities 40 years one year for each day that the spies searched the land. Gal. 6:7 says "Be not deceived for God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. To you that are saved I urge you not to rebel the leadership of God. If God has instructed you to do a work trust Him. He will provide and take care of you. If you are lost God is calling you to accept His salvation now. Do not rebel against a Holy God. God's Mercy has runned out on every person that is in hell. Don't wait until it's too late. God Bless you until next week.



Faith and Matthew Dial attended William Chavis' Peace Keepers' Fifth Annual Open Karate Championship. Faith won first place in Kata, musical Kata, an fighting, third place in weapons, in the adult division.

Matthew won first place in fighting; second place in Kata and weapons; third place in musical Kata in the boys division.

Both students are from Pembroke Karate Warriors; new location on Third Street, Pembroke, across from Robeson Tire.

Congratulations Faith and Matthew!

NSAF Receives \$725,000 Endowment

The Native American Scholarship Fund (NASF) announced today that it has received an endowment of \$725,000 from the estate of Louis G. Giannini of San Francisco.

"Most of the estate funds will be used to add to our endowment," said Dr. Dean Chavers, CEO of NASF.

"This is the largest endowment we have received since we began the Fund in 1986," said Dr. Suzanne Sockey, Development Officer. "But we expect to have considerably more money for endowment in the near future. We have received three other bequests so far, and have 14 more in the pipeline."

"The Giannini endowment will live forever," said Cassie Szeluga, Business Manager for the NASF. "We will invest it wisely, and use only the interest earned, for scholarships for high-potential Indian students."

"We are all excited about the large endowment," she added. "The staff is all motivated to work our hardest to achieve our dreams of having funds to give every deserving student a chance to have the best education in the U.S."

Dr. Chavers stated that "The Giannini endowment is just the beginning of our ability to upgrade Indian education in many ways in the next five years. We expect to spend considerable amounts of endowment

and general fund money on upgrading schools. And we expect to award up to 40 more new scholarships this year."

Lynette Charlie, Director of Recruiting, reported that "We expect to send hundreds of Indian students to the Ivy League colleges in the next five years. We have 56 graduates now, but will have over 100 in three more years. Our students can compete with anyone. Our retention rate 92% - the highest ever achieved with Indian students, we think."

"The caliber of our students has improved considerably in the past five years," she continued. "This year's students are ten times better than our students were five years ago."

"We expect our graduates to work for Indian people," Dr. Chavers said. "We had three medical doctors graduated this year, and all of them are planning to work in Indian Country."

"We expect our graduates to provide health services to Indians, to provide education services, and to create jobs. Our long term goals are to bring jobs to Indian people, and to improve their quality of life."

"NASF is a national organization serving Indian students in math, science, and engineering," he continued. "In ten years, we plan to be making 500 scholarship awards each year."



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Saturday, August 27, 1994
6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

- *Member of Antioch Baptist Church
- *Pastored Mt. Olive Baptist Church and God's Holy Assembly
- *Attended Bible Seminars at Campbell College and Bible College of New Orleans
- *Self Employed carpenter contractor
- *Wife - Linda C. Carter
- *3 daughters: Penny, Carol, Velinda

"Committed to Trust, Now Elect one that You can Trust"

Elect

Dorothy Lowery
Lumbee Tribal Council

District #9 South Pembroke

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Elect

Steve Locklear
Lumbee Tribal Council

District #14

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

ELECT

Gary Wayne Locklear

District 10
(North Pembroke)

LUMBEE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Vote For
Shelby Jane Lowery
Lumbee Tribal Council

District #10

(North Pembroke)

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Vote for and Elect an Honest, Ordinary Person to Represent Honest, Ordinary People

Vote For

McKeithan Jones

District # 12
(Union Area)

Lumbee Tribal Council

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

"A Businessman's Approach to Tribal Government"

ELECT

Alfred Locklear

Lumbee Tribal Council

District 19

Britts, East and West Howellsville,
Wisharts

Saturday, August 27, 1994

6:30 AM - 7:30 PM