

Coming In Clutch - Week 3 Sermon Notes

Our <u>Greatest</u> Outcomes From God's Greatest Opportunities Are Always Determined By Our <u>Uncompromised</u> Obedience.

4 Ways To Make The Most Of The Opportunities That God Has Given Us:

1. Don't Wait For "Perfect Conditions" Before Stepping Out In Faith.

<u>Deuteronomy 1:21-22 (LB)</u> Moses: "'The Lord God has given us this land. Go and possess it as he told us to. Don't be afraid! Don't even doubt!' "But they replied, 'First let's send out spies to discover the best route of entry, and to decide which cities we should capture first."

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (LB)

2. Stop Looking At Obedience Through A List Of Pro's vs. Con's.

Numbers 13:17-20 (NLT) "Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: "Go north through the Negev into the hill country. See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps? Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see." (It happened to be the season for harvesting the first ripe grapes.)"

3. Focus On The **Evidence**, Not The **Excuses**.

Numbers 13:21, 23-28 (Message) "With that they were on their way. They scouted out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob toward Lebo Hamath...When they arrived at the Eshcol Valley they cut off a branch with a single cluster of grapes—it took two men to carry it—slung on a pole. They also picked some pomegranates and figs. They named the place Eshcol Valley (Grape-Cluster-Valley) because of the huge cluster of grapes they had cut down there. After forty days of scouting out the land, they returned home. They presented themselves before Moses and Aaron and the whole congregation of the People of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh. They reported to the whole congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. Then they told the story of their trip: "We went to the land to which you sent us and, oh! It does flow with milk and honey! Just look at this fruit! The only thing is that the people who live there are fierce, their cities are huge and well fortified. Worse yet, we saw descendants of the giant Anak."

4. Be Willing To Do What God Wants, Even If It Means Going Against The Crowd.

Numbers 13:25-26, 30 (NLT) "...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... 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!"