

## 4Ws for Week 7, 13-19 Feb'2023

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

*(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)*

Suggested icebreakers:

#### 1. Post Chinese New Year

Share a highlight of your many CNY visitations to relatives and friends.

#### 2. Favorite Food from the Sea

Share your favorite dish harvested from the sea, e.g., BBQ Stingray, XO Fish Head Bee Hoon, Cereal Prawns and Steamed Garoupa or Sea Bass, etc.

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)*

#### Suggested worship songs:

1) Shout To The Lord/What A Beautiful Name - Melody Noel, Michael Ketterer (A)

### WORD (45 minutes)

**Preacher:** Senior Pastor Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passage:** Numbers 13 & 14

**Sermon Title:** Embracing the New

#### Introduction

SP Daniel shared two valuable lessons after the Israelites had spied out the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey. They had God's presence, power and promises but at the verge of entering the land God promised to their forefathers, they lost sight and completely turned away from GOD because of unbelief and fear.

Don't commit the same mistake like the Israelites, who traded God's wonderful plan for them for 40 years of wilderness wandering. Today, how can you and I embrace the new things that God has in store for us? Let's act on the two valuable lessons taught:

1. Step Forward in Faith
2. Stand Firm with Courage

#### Discovery and Understanding Questions:

**Q1 All 12 spies saw the same things in their survey of the land, but only Caleb and Joshua were not fearful. What made the difference?**

**A1.** 10 of the spies were fearful of the people who looked stronger (Numbers 13:31). They focused on what they saw and took their eyes off God. Caleb and Joshua remembered the power of God in the miracles performed to free them from Egypt and also the provision of manna and water. Caleb said they should go and take possession of the land, for he had faith in God's promise to give to

the Israelites the land of Canaan, and that they could certainly do it (Numbers 13:30). Only Caleb and Joshua entered the Promised Land because they stepped forward in faith and focused on what is unseen (2 Corinthians 4:18) and saw things for what it could be.

**Q2. Why was Caleb and Joshua able to overcome any fear they may have?**

**A2.** The Israelites had God’s presence, power, and promise; yet they lost sight of it. For Caleb and Joshua, trusting in God was more important than their fear. This gave them the courage to stand firm in God’s presence – “He will lead us into that land” (Numbers 14:8), God’s power - “will give it to us” (Numbers 14:8) and God’s promise – “I am giving to the Israelites” (Numbers 13:2). Caleb and Joshua chose to stand firm with courage because they trusted God more than their fear.

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Application Questions**

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

**Q1. How can you have the same faith like Caleb and Joshua so that you can respond positively when God calls you into something new?**

**Q2. Are you easily overcome with fear and focused only on the circumstances instead of standing firm on God? Yes or No? Please share**

**WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping, and evangelism*. In every CG gathering, encourage members to reach out right where God has placed them. Give members time to share their outreach efforts. Press on in praying together for Bests and pre-believing contacts.

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