Giants in the Land
Numbers 13:30-33

Introduction:
A. The twelve spies.
   1. “Majority report” (10 spies)
      a. Land was all as promised. (vs. 23,26,27; cf. Ex. 3:7-8).
      b. “Nevertheless ....” (Vs. 28-29).
   2. “Minority report” (Joshua and Caleb)
      a. Saw the same problems as others.
      b. Nevertheless Lord was on their side. (14:8,9).

B. People today.
   1. Majority like majority of spies:
      a. See only problems and not opportunities - defeated before start.
      b. See the “spiritual giants in the land” and give up.
   2. Minority of people much like two spies:
      a. See problems, but know that God is on their side.
      b. See the “spiritual giants in the land”, but accept the challenge.

Discussion:
I. Great Spiritual Giants That Must Be Overcome.
   A. External giants - strong appeals of:
      1. False teachers. (2 Pet. 2:18-19; Rom. 16:17,18; Gal. 4:17)
      3. Emotionalism - “Don’t have to prove it, just feel it.” (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15).
      5. Watered down preaching. (2 Cor. 2:17)
         a. On worldliness.
         b. On marriage
         c. On responsibilities.
   B. Internal Giants.
      1. Love for ease and comfort - avoid unpleasant at all cost.
      2. Love for attention (cf. Matt. 23:5) - Popularity, rebellion, flattery.
      3. Impatience and discouragement.
         a. Instant results, Lord’s way too slow. (1 Cor. 3:7; Gal. 6:9).
         b. Tempts us to compete with world on its grounds.
         c. Tempts us to throw in the towel with each “set-back.”
      4. “Greener pasture” syndrome - Things always better elsewhere. (Num. 11:4-9).
         a. If had lived in New Testament days.
         b. If lived in the “good old days” of church.
         c. If were member of another congregation.
         d. If had another wife, another preacher, another job, etc.
      5. Our negative attitudes. (Num. 13:30, 31)

II. Great Spiritual Giant-Killer: The Lord! (Num. 14:9; cf. David & Goliath)
   A. Can do all things through Him. (Phil. 4)
   B. Do His will - Let Him handle results department. (1 Cor. 3:7)
   C. Cast cares on Him.

Conclusion:
A. Let’s learn God’s will.
B. Let’s learn to zealously do God’s will.
C. Let’s trust Him for results - not distorted, deterred nor distracted by problems.