

Relational Intelligence 2.0: Developing Healthy Biblical Relationships

Relationships: Same Camp Different View: Part 5

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THE PROMISE, THE DREAM

- God had given a promise, a “dream”, a mission to accomplish. In return He expects obedience. Lack of obedience is rebellion to God and rebellion to God in scripture is likened to witchcraft.
- It is our responsibility to protect the mission, dream, promise, hope that God has given us.
 - Even Jesus had to do this.
 - Abraham protected the mission, to the point he was willing to kill his son.
 - Joseph held on to his dream, even though he was a target to be killed.
- Relationships are always a part of fulfilling these promises and goals. It is designed that way. A relational God, creating relational children who need healthy relationships.
- **2Corinthians 1:20** - For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.
 - Yes = true
 - Amen = faithful, sure (so let it be)
 - So if God's promise is true and sure, what stops us from achieving?
- **Question:** What promises has God given you? What dream? What has He asked you to be obedient over?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Numbers 13:27-28, 30-33 (NLT)

Context:

- God had given a promise and dream to Moses and the children of Israel - that there was a promised land He would take them to that was filled with milk and honey.
- He delivers them from the hand of Pharaoh, performs miracles for them, parting the red sea and manna from heaven.
- Moses then sends 12 to gather information about the land that had been promised to them, scope out what is there, agriculture, etc.
- 12 spies went to the promised land and only two came back with good news, ten admitted to seeing the promise of God but focused on the giants and the negatives, two of them (Caleb and Joshua) came back with good reports confirming what the Lord had promised.

Numbers 13:27-28

The Ten

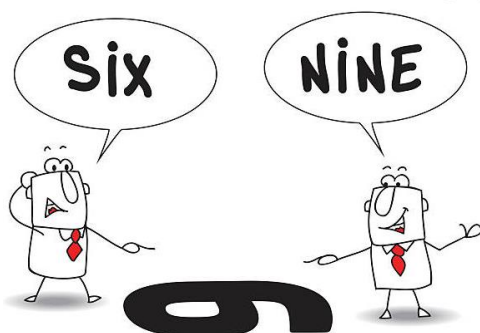
²⁷ This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country--a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces. ²⁸ But (Nevertheless!!) the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak! ...

Numbers 13:30-33

The Two

³⁰ 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!" ³¹ 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!" ³² 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. All the people we saw were huge. ³³ We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that's what they thought, too!"

What Do We Learn About Relationships from This Story?



1) You can be in the same camp (relationships) but have different perspectives.

- They saw God's miracles together, escaped the hand of Pharaoh together, saw God provide for them daily, yet could still have a different perspective on a promise after surveying the land.
- Going through the **same experience does not equal** landing in the **same destination**.
- The 10 saw the strength of the giants but Caleb and Joshua saw the strength of God.
- We must surround ourselves with relationships that can **look beyond** what can be "seen" with our eyes and those who are in tune with the Spirit of God and will **join in faith** on what God has promised.
- Disagreement and disunity can spread like a plague if it is not dealt with right away. If you can create an alternate universe where reality no longer exists. **So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites. (v 32)**

- **Other Examples**
 - Jesus and His disciples: They were in the same camp, but at the time of His death, where were some of them? **SAME CAMP, DIFFERENT VIEW**
 - Gideon and his army, **SAME CAMP, DIFFERENT OUTCOME** - God reduced his army which was counter intuitive.
- **Application/Questions**
 - People walking with you may not end up in the same destination - understand their assignment in your life and do not become dependent on them and their opinions.
 - Some folks may just not be able see what you see because they have not been given the vision and responsibility you have been given.
 - Have realistic expectations of the relationships you develop. What you will pour into it and what you expect back.
 - It is ok to have a different opinion, but not at the cost of God's promise.

2) **The Majority may NOT see the promise, but it doesn't mean it's not real.**

- The ten knew what God's promises were and even saw it with their eyes but they did not believe it with their hearts and actions.
- They said, “nevertheless” - they chose their sight over their faith in God.
- Some may not see the dreams and promises of God in your life but still choose to say, “Nevertheless” and point out the negatives.
- **God's promise is not dependent on the amount of “likes” it gets.**
- You do not need a majority when God is on your side
 - Those who you start with, may not be the same that you end with.
 - God is not interested in the masses that support us, He is interested in our trust and faithfulness towards Him.
- **God can “major” with the “minor”**
 - God can do more with two than with ten – that is His math.
 - Two agree touching anything.
 - With one and God you are already are the majority.
 - Jesus even had a small circle - He had three in His inner circle.
- Do not let people, or the “majority” kill your dreams of what God has spoken to you about and promised you.
 - 12 men all had destiny and ten of them **killed it with their report and their tongue - GUARD YOUR MOUTH**
 - **Do not be a dream killer - GUARD YOUR MOUTH.**
- Stop looking for everyone to validate you when God has already spoken dreams into you.
- **Application/Questions**
 - You do not need a majority on your side when God has given a word.
 - Those who you start with, may not be the same that you end with.
 - Find one person who can support you and agree with you.
 - Stop looking for everyone to validate what you are doing.

3) Not everyone that is with you, is for you – do not confuse the two

- Sometimes the people who were with us side by side are not the same ones who will be with us moving forward.
- Some people may only be for the things you are for or against the things you are against but that is only surface level. They are not necessarily for you.
- Those who are for you are the ones who are beside you regardless of what you are for or against and when times are tough, or times are hard. These are the relationships we should be striving to find and keep.
- We get into trouble when we mix the two and we get hit with the harsh reality that people leave when we have nothing left to offer them. This does not mean they are bad people, it just means we put them into the wrong bucket and had the wrong expectation.
- How do I know if they are for me?
 - Ask God for discernment and wisdom
 - Observe what comes out of their mouth (gossip or encouragement)
 - Do they always have an expectation that you have to give something to them?
 - Are they interested in you, how your day was, what is on your mind and how they can encourage you?
- **Application/Questions**
 - Be careful who you share your dreams with.
 - Self-check that you are not a promise killer (the ten)
 - Those who support your dream may not support you...that is okay! Do not be disappointed if they exit when they do not like what they see or when times get hard - set your expectations.
 - Correctly identify those who support YOU regardless of your dream - the assignment they have in your life is different.
 - Keep your inner circle small. But your love for others BIG!

4) Sometimes the Lord allows things around us to shut down, so that something in us can awaken and arise

- My prayer as a teenager to God: Remove whoever you need to so I can walk in the path you want me to. I had to lose precious people around me so that something in me could be built.
- Children of Israel were so focused on the loss of Moses that they missed out on their Joshua
 - Sometimes we need to move on from dead relationships so that new ones can take us to the promised land
 - Great is He that is in you. Maybe it is time to take a step out in faith and trust that God has and will continue to equip you.
 - Put yourself in relationships and environments that are not breeding grounds for unhealthy codependency.