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... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 (NIV)

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. **Psalm 112:7 (NLT)**

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD REPORT SPIRIT IN A WORLD FULL OF BAD REPORTS

The Lord said to Moses, “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites.” **Numbers 13:1-2 (NIV)**

1. ALWAYS FACE THE FACTS WITH FAITH

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.” **Numbers 13:17-20 (NLT)**

They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.” **Numbers 13:27-33 (NIV)**

2. REMEMBER THAT YOUR FAITH WILL BE TESTED

But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.

Numbers 14:32-34 (NIV)

3. PEOPLE WITH A GOOD REPORT SPIRIT WILL OCCUPY THE PROMISED LAND

But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land. **Numbers 14:24 (NLT)**

Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. **Joshua 14:10-12 (NIV)**

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?