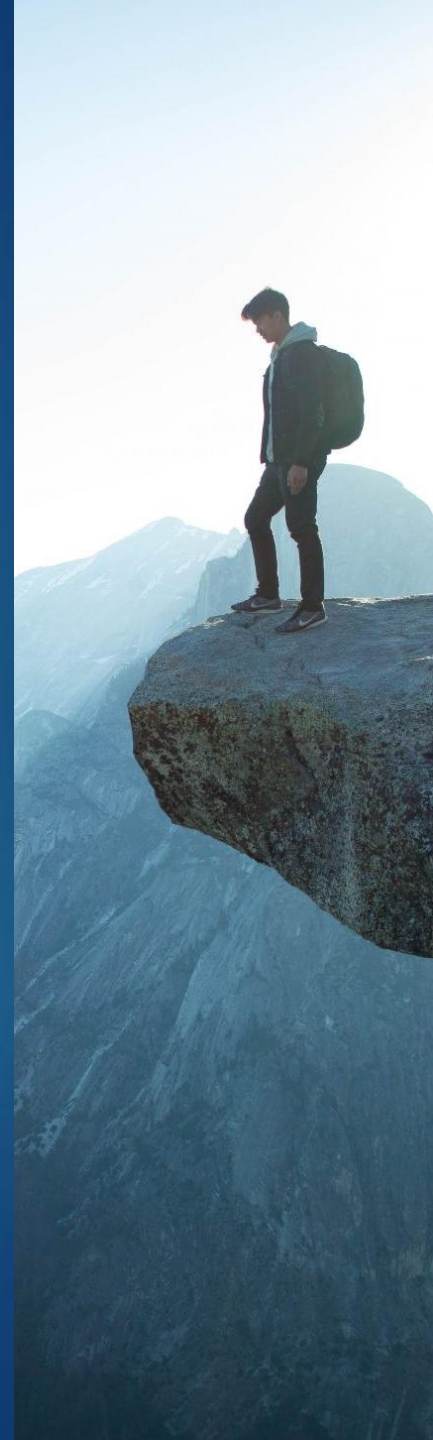


When Looking Back
Helps You Move Forward

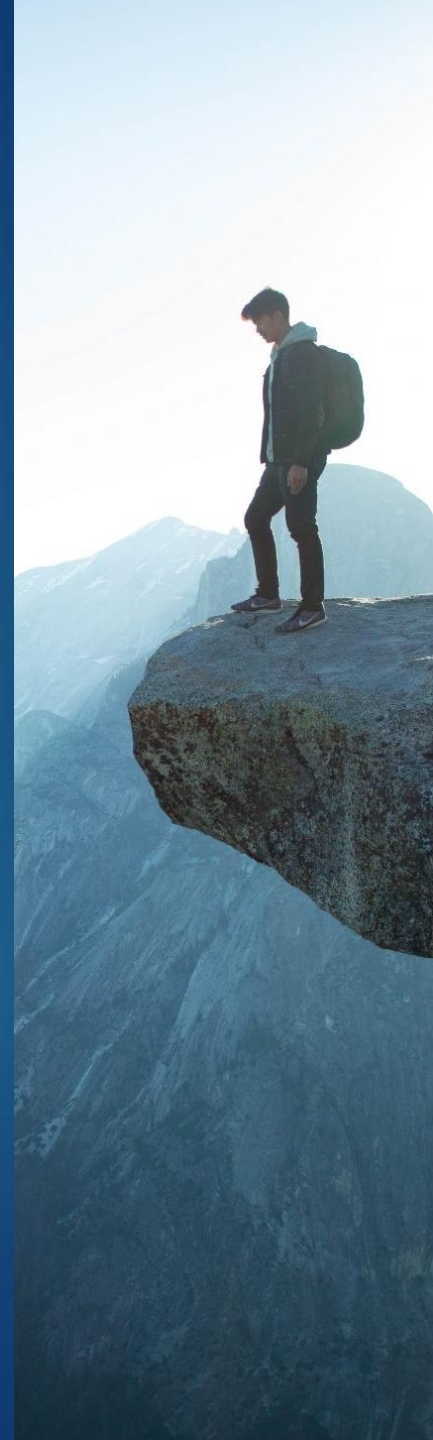




If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?"

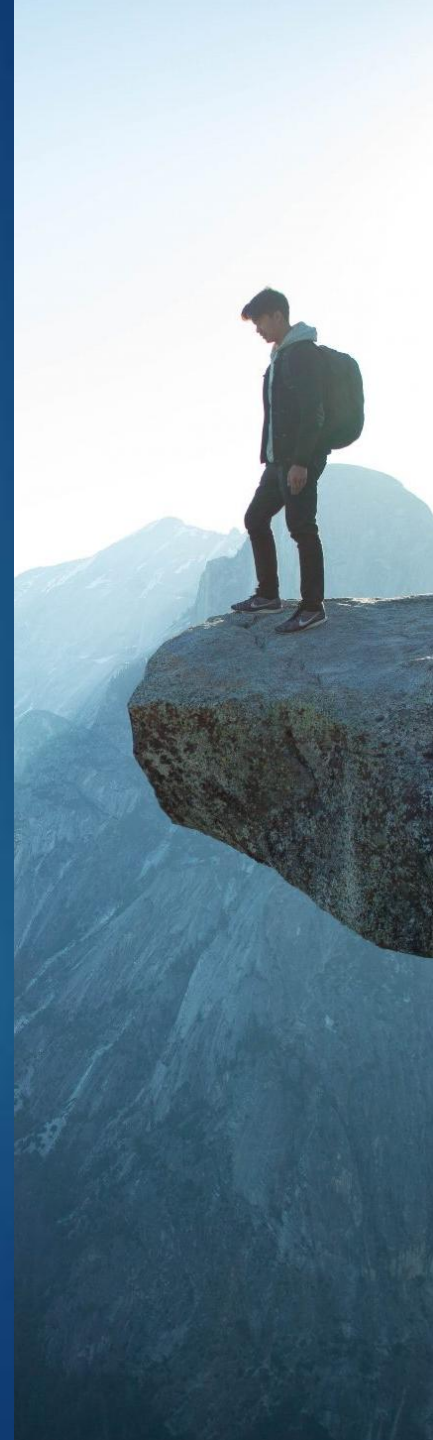
Numbers 14:2-4

Ever Felt Like This?
That the Next Step God is
Asking of You Defies All Logic



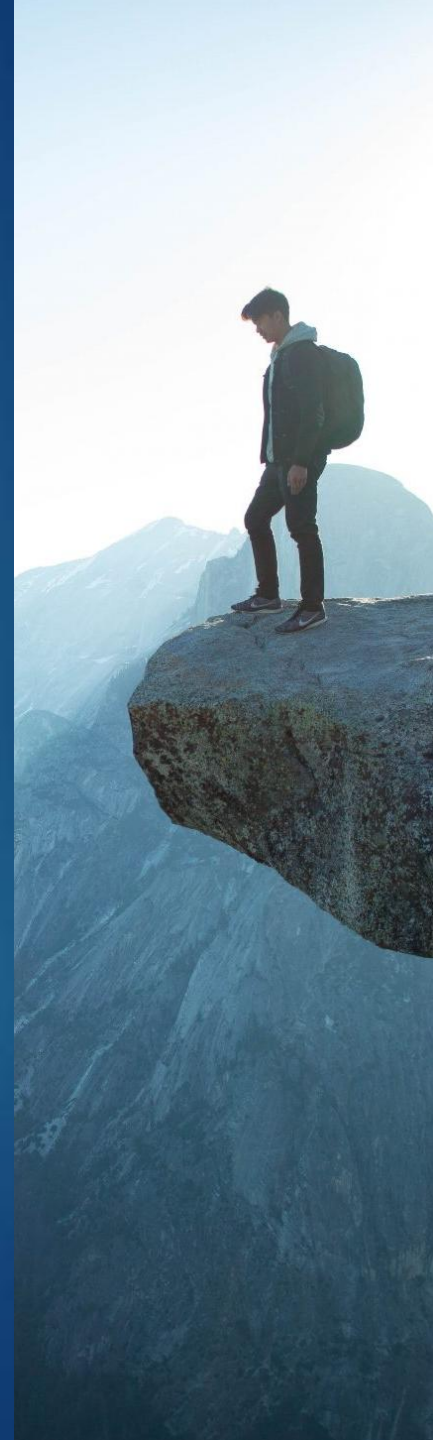
They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: **“We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and 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.”

Number 13:26-29



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.”

Number 13:30-33



Questions Of Faith?

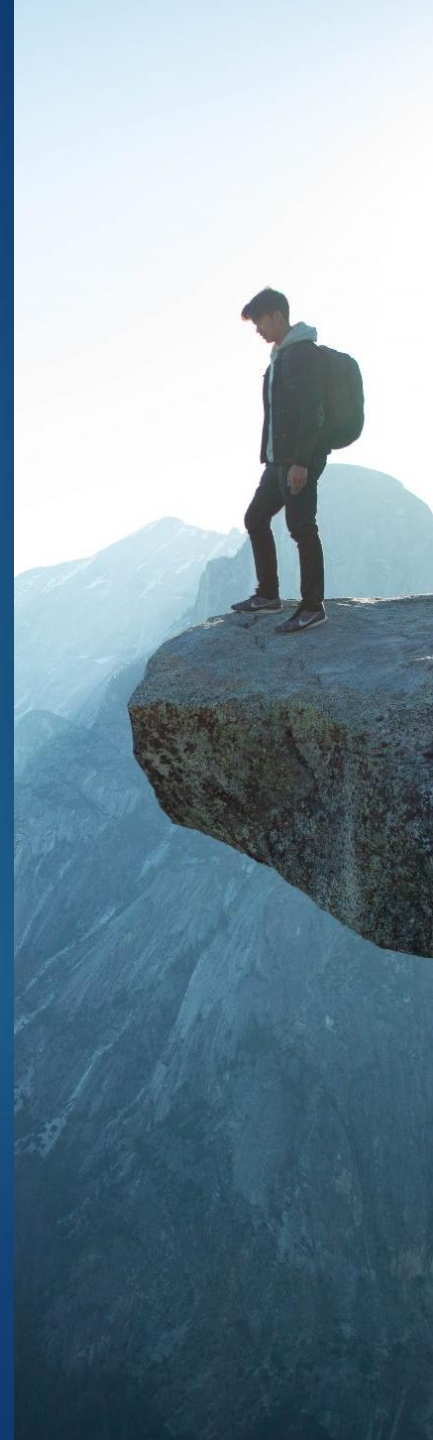
Can't Moses trust the reports of his spies?
After all he picked them!

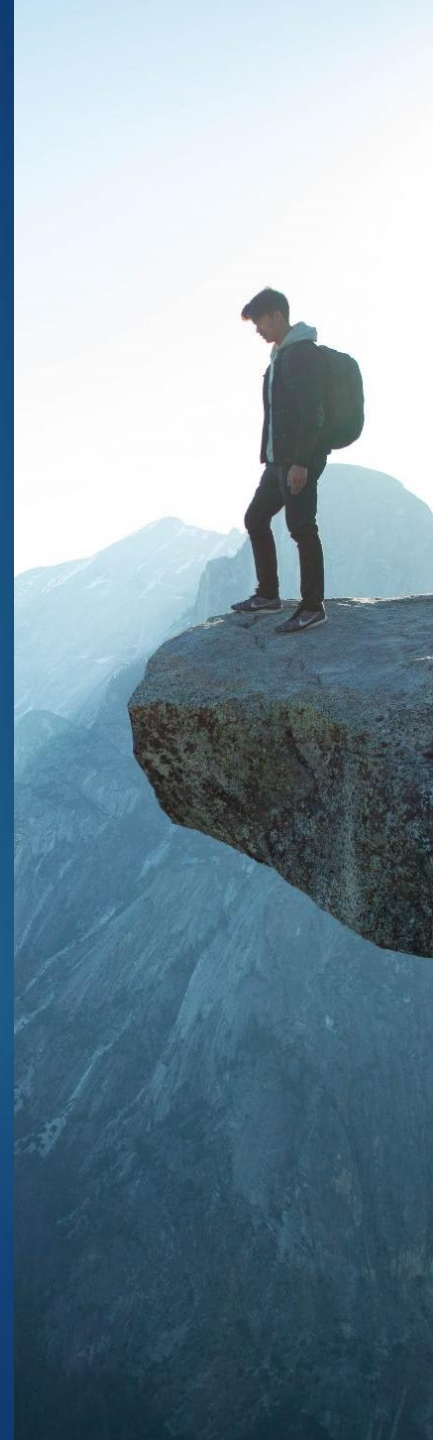
Does the Leap of Faith really defy logic?

Does the step have a basis?

Is it a "Blind" faith?

What did Cal and Josh see that enabled
them to look at things differently?



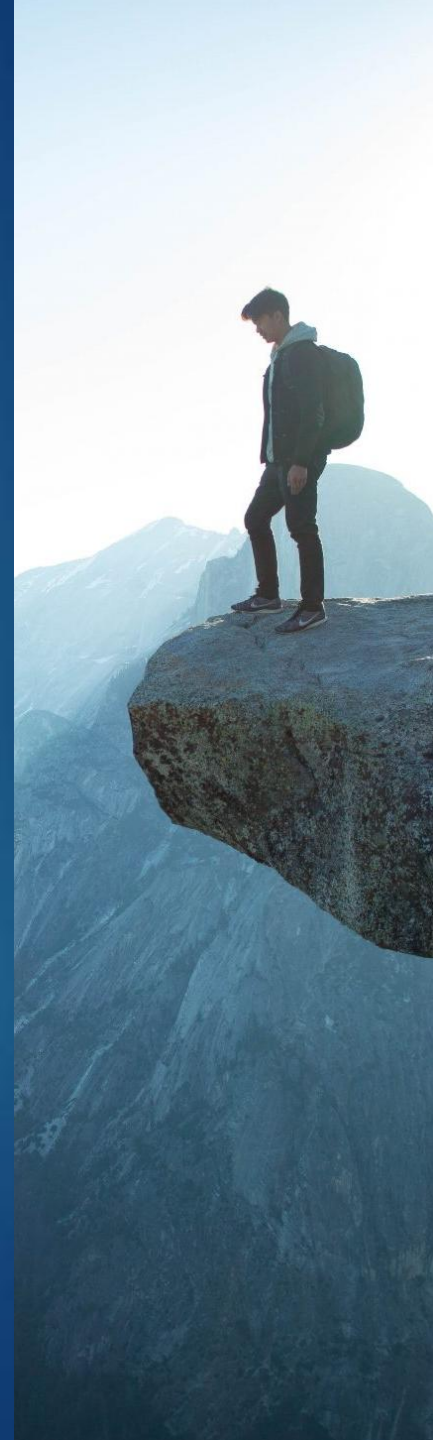




The Bridge was Always There



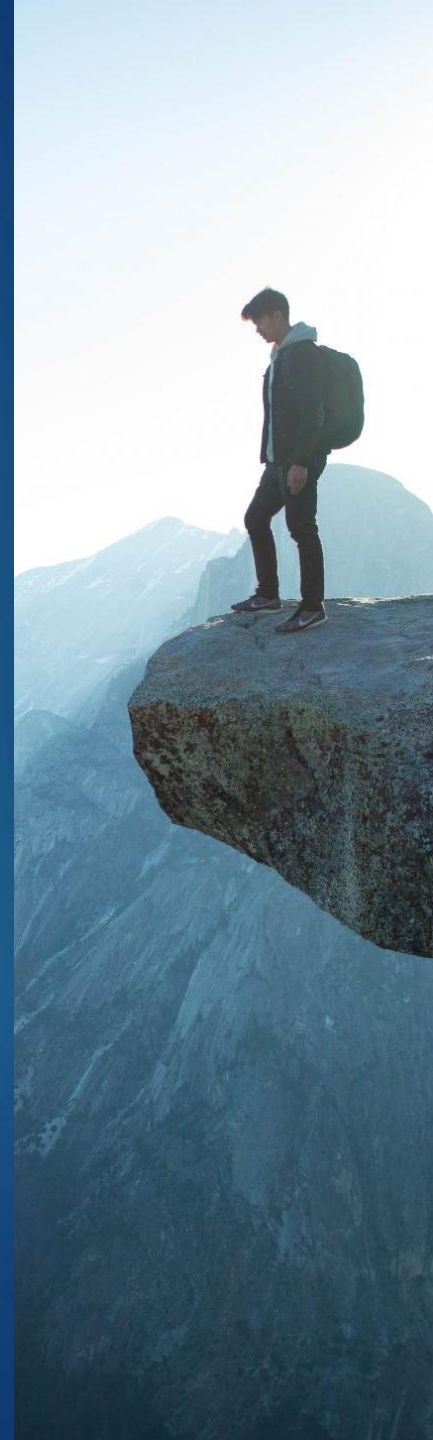
If you have the right perspective
a leap of faith never defies logic



So How Do We See the Bridge?

In Deuteronomy 1 Moses Looks Back

Then I said to you, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the desert. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place.”



What Joshua and Caleb Saw

- The Plagues in Egypt
- The Parting of the Red Sea and Drowning of Pharaoh's Army
- The Manna, Quail and Water on the journey
- Defeat of the Amalekites
- Mount Sinai & Ten Commandments

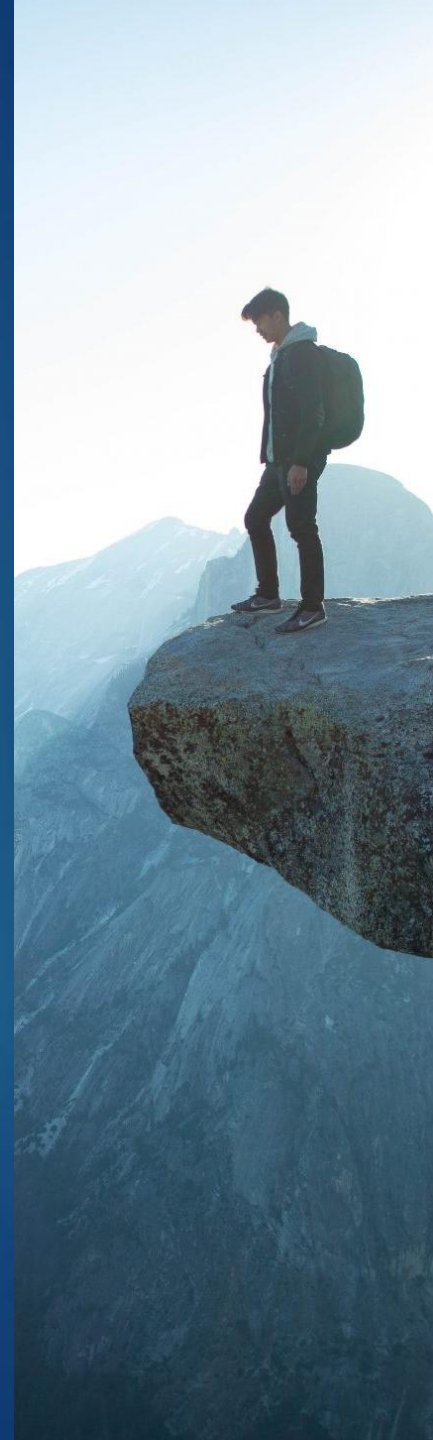
Its All About The Journey

Both Individually and Corporately you will confront challenges.

- If you are to grow both individually and corporately God will lead you not just into easy things but also some tough places.

The basis of your faith to take that next outrageous step lays in your journey with God to that point.

In the Forgiveness, Grace, and Power that he has already shown you.



It's a Body Thing!

As a community you can draw on each others faith experiences to expand both your individual and corporate faith journeys.

This Baptist Community has a 72 year journey of faith. What an encouragement to Richard it will be to learn those stories.

But as a Community you want to grow in your experience of God and Richard's journey can help you find new edges, new chasm's to leap.

