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Too Big

What would you do if I gave you an assignment that was too big for you? What would you do if I gave you an assignment that seemed completely overwhelming? Is this a trick question? Are you kidding me? **No, I am not asking you a trick question. No, I am not kidding you? Why would think that?** You used the word, "if". **Yes, I did.** There is no, "if", about your question. "If" indicates that there may be a possibility that you might give me an overwhelming assignment that is too big for me. **You have a problem with my use of the word, "if"?** No, not really. I do think you could replace that word, "if", with, "when". **Yes, I could. Why is that?** You have already given me assignments in the past that were overwhelming and too big for me. You are certain to give me assignments that are overwhelming and too big for me in the future. **Yes, I will.**

What have you done and when I have given you an assignment that is overwhelming and too big for you? Sometimes, I have run from overwhelmingly large assignments. Sometimes, I have argued with you over overwhelmingly large assignments. I have doubted. I have been filled with fear. I have complained. I have debated. I have dodged and I have ducked. **You have done all of these things and more with my large assignments. Is this what you will continue to do?** No, it is not.

What will you do now, when I give you an assignment that is overwhelming and too big for you? I will say yes to you. I will rely on you. I will ask you for your help. I will have faith that you will give me all I will need to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. **That's good.** There is something I have come to know. **What's that?** You have given me large and overwhelming assignments that are too big for me because you love me. **What does my love have to do with the size of the assignments I have given to you?** You want me to know you. You want me to draw near to you. You want me to live in a close and intimate relationship with you. **Yes, I do.** Nothing has drawn me closer to you than to have an overwhelming assignment that is too big for me. As I have come to rely on you for your help I have come to know you and your will and your ways. **That's right. So, count on receiving more large assignments from me.** Yes, I will. **That is very good.**

Lord, I will not let fear and doubt prevent me from saying yes to what you are asking me to do for you. I will trust and believe that you are with me and will give me all that I need to accomplish the assignment you have given to me. Amen

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

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NIV

Numbers 14:8-9

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If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

ESV

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

And if the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the LORD, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the LORD is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

NLT

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

NKJV

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

If the LORD is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only, do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they are no more than bread for us; their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

NRSV

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*God Is On Our Side*

If GOD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land that flows, as they say, with milk and honey. And he'll give it to us. Just don't rebel against GOD! And don't be afraid of those people. Why, we'll have them for lunch! They have no protection and GOD is on our side. Don't be afraid of them!"

MSG

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their defense and the shadow [of protection] is removed from over them, but the Lord is with us. Fear them not.

AMP

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

and the Lord loves us. He will bring us safely into the land and give it to us. It is very fertile, a land 'flowing with milk and honey'! Oh, do not rebel against the Lord, and do not fear the people of the land. For they are but bread for us to eat! The Lord is with us and he has removed his protection from them! Don't be afraid of them!"

TLB

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

"If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey. "Only do not rebel against the LORD; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

NASB

Numbers 14:8-9

Guidance*The Lord Is With Us*

If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land and give us that fertile land. Don't turn against the LORD! Don't be afraid of the people in that land! We will chew them up. They have no protection, but the LORD is with us. So don't be afraid of them."

NCV

Numbers 14:8-9

The Lord Is With Us

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Guidance – Numbers 14:8-9

In Context: *Read Numbers 14*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will not let fear and doubt prevent me from saying yes to what you are asking me to do for you. I will trust and believe that you are with me and will give me all that I need to accomplish the assignment you have given to me. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you allowed fear to guide the course of your life?

How has your fear attempted to place limits on what you can do for the Lord?

When has fear caused you to say no to something the Lord was asking you to do for Him?

How has the Lord overcome your fears as you have said yes to what He wanted to do through you?

How confident are you that God will be able to successfully accomplish His plans in and through you?

When has the Lord given you all that you need to do what He was asking you to do for Him?

What assignment has the Lord given you that will require you to trust Him for His help?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask the Lord to help you to step forward in faith to do what He is asking you to do for Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you all that you need to accomplish the assignment that He has given to you.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group an assignment that the Lord is helping you to accomplish for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you have faith that the Lord is with you to help you to do what He asks of you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I have faith that you are with me to help me to do what you ask of me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you help me to do what you are asking of me today?
