

**Reading:** Numbers 13:1-3, 17-21, 25-33

**Topic:** Leaders & Followers

**INTRODUCTION:** In life there are \_\_\_\_\_ and there are \_\_\_\_\_, both of which are essential but we today shall look at the \_\_\_\_\_ between the two.

## I. LEADERS SEE POTENTIAL & FOLLOWERS SEE OBSTACLES

### A. Potential:

1. When Moses sent out the twelve spies to view the \_\_\_\_\_ Land, his intent was to allow them to see the great potential in the \_\_\_\_\_ that God was going to give to them. Num. 13:26
2. All twelve of the spies that were sent out were able to \_\_\_\_\_ how great and wonderful this Promised Land really was and they all \_\_\_\_\_ agreed that it was indeed rich and bountiful. Num. 13:27

### B. Problems:

1. The men who were not real leaders saw that there were obstacles for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel and they voiced their opinions of the impossibilities of overcoming the \_\_\_\_\_ and the giants. Num. 13:28
2. The same men stated that there were enemies in the \_\_\_\_\_, there were enemies in \_\_\_\_\_ and that there were enemies by the sea and along the \_\_\_\_\_. Num. 13:29
3. According to these followers, there was no way for them to go in and take \_\_\_\_\_ of the great land that God had \_\_\_\_\_ to them. Num. 13:31

### C. Potential:

1. The voice of a \_\_\_\_\_ spoke up against all of the obstacles and stated that it was time to go now and take possession of what God had \_\_\_\_\_ to them for they were able to do it! Num. 13:30
2. The two men who became great \_\_\_\_\_ both saw the potential and the \_\_\_\_\_ to go take the land because it was God who was going to be with them and \_\_\_\_\_ it to them. Num. 14:6-8

## II. LEADERS SEE SOLUTIONS & FOLLOWERS SEE PROBLEMS:

### A. Problems:

1. Jesus was ministering to a \_\_\_\_\_ multitude of people in a desert place when the disciples approached Him about the great \_\_\_\_\_ of feeding all of these people. Mk. 6:35,36
2. When Jesus told the disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ them, they raised the question of how much it was going to \_\_\_\_\_ to feed all of those people. Mk. 6:37
3. When Jesus told them to look for some \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd, they came back with a small lunch that a young \_\_\_\_\_ had brought, and the disciples basically said – “it’s useless.” Jn. 6:9

### B. Solutions:

1. Jesus, the greatest Leader, saw a \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of feeding the thousands of hungry people and the solution was found in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the young boy.
2. All that Jesus asked was for that the little lunch be \_\_\_\_\_ unto Him and that was the solution to the problem of feeding the \_\_\_\_\_. Mt. 14:17,18
3. Once the situation was put into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, He took control and blessed and multiplied the

food so that the entire multitude was fed and there were \_\_\_\_\_ baskets full of leftovers. Mt. 14:20

### III. LEADERS SEE POSITIVES & FOLLOWERS SEE NEGATIVES:

#### **A. Negatives:**

1. The Children of Israel saw the Promised Land as a place of opposition, struggles and \_\_\_\_\_, and it was such a \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere that they even decided to go back to Egypt. Num. 13:32,33; 14:3,4
2. The disciples of Jesus saw a violent \_\_\_\_\_ and wind and waves that seemed to be ready to sink their \_\_\_\_\_, forgetting that Jesus was in it. Mk. 4:35-40
3. When Lazarus died, Jesus informed His disciples that the death had occurred, the \_\_\_\_\_ of one of disciples was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he suggested they all should die too. Jn. 11:14-16

#### **B. Positives:**

1. Joshua and Caleb saw the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the Promised Land and stated that they were able with the help of the Lord God Almighty to go and \_\_\_\_\_ the Land. They both became leaders and both of them made it into the Promised Land. Num. 14:6-8
2. Jesus, who was God manifested in the flesh saw the \_\_\_\_\_ side of every situation, and tried to instill this same attitude into His followers, especially the disciples who were to become the \_\_\_\_\_ of His church. Mt. 17:20

**CONCLUSION:** Leaders have \_\_\_\_\_ to see potential, positives and solutions to problems while followers tend to see obstacles, negatives and problems. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a good leader is to bring the followers into the realm of \_\_\_\_\_ where they too can become faith-filled and positive, and then become leaders themselves of others.

**OBSERVATION:** All good leaders must first be good followers of other good leaders.