

there are many others who stepped out and tried to do work, and utterly failed. We need to look into things thoroughly and we need to be sure it's God's will that a project be undertaken. But when there is a great need that a project be undertaken and when there are potential means for accomplishing it, we can step out with absolute faith in the promises of God and go forward. God is able for any situation. We need to have balance in these things. We need to recognize difficulties. There is no point in trying to overlook them. There would be no point in saying Oh these people are weak. We could knock them over with our little finger. We could defeat them. We couldn't. It was too big for them, but God had promised them the land. Here they knew it was God's will they should do this. God could enable them to do it. And of course it was foolish then to adopt the sour grapes attitude and say the Land isn't worth taking anyway. But there is no evidence they adopted that ~~that~~ attitude. They simply gave a report here which led the people to be terribly upset and to feel What's the use; we can't possibly do it.

Now in this account we have read thus far we have had only one person who disagreed with them. Caleb stilled the people before Moses. Does that mean Joshua agreed with the rest? I would think that at this point Joshua probably didn't say much. Well, why didn't Joshua say a good deal now. Why didn't Joshua and Caleb both jump up and speak immediately. I think ~~that~~ that sometimes we think, should we step into a situation? Is it necessary? We can do great harm by keeping quiet, but we can also do great harm by always jumping up in everything. We need to think where we can be effective. And it is entirely possible that Joshua said, Well now I have been doing work for Moses. ~~I've~~ I've been active with Moses. The people sort of connect me with Moses here. If I step and say something they will ~~just~~ just say, Oh well he's just doing what Moses tells him to. And he said, Here's Caleb who has no direct connection with Moses. He comes from an entirely different tribe. Let's let Caleb do it for the present. At any rate there is no mention here that Joshua spoke at this point. Joshua did speak later we find(it)clearly said. Now of course the critics ~~say~~ say there are two different stories. In one story it's only Caleb who disagrees. In the other it is Caleb and Joshua. But then we have