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Perspective, a particular evaluation of a situation or facts, especially from one person's point of view.

The Promise | God's promise of victory *in the midst* of every circumstance.

1. Luke 9:19 *Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.*
2. Numbers 33:50-54 *...When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you. Destroy all their carved images and their cast idols, and demolish all their high places. Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess...*
3. The word for "possess" is the Hebrew word "yaresh" meaning to occupy by driving out previous tenants, and possessing in their place; to seize, to expel, to destroy, to enjoy. (Numbers 33:50-56; Deuteronomy 1:6-8; Joshua 1:1-9)

The Problem | The spies' perspective in Numbers 13:31-33 may have been warranted but was definitely not correct, *...We felt as small as grasshoppers, and that's how we must have looked to them.*

1. Fear, dread, and anxiety was the largest cause and they became paralyzed and the ten spies who did not believe caused that generation to miss God's provision of the Promised Land!
2. Job 3:25 *For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, And what I dreaded has happened to me.*

The "Chaco Shift" | During our past prayer journeys in the ancestral Chaco villages, the buildings have always seemed imposing. But this time we were astounded at the diminished appearance of the buildings! Even Chetro Ketl seemed like a nursery! Pueblo Bonito also seemed much smaller but the doorways seemed bigger.

1. I believe the Lord showed me (P. Jack) what has taken place. We read in 2 Chronicles 20:22-24 that as Israel praised God and approached the enemy, God went before them and destroyed the real threat. I believe that through our *repeated* prayer journeys for the Pueblo tribes in Chaco's ancestral villages, God removed the demonic principalities for us! This is something we've experienced in past prayer walks (locally and globally) where we saw a direct intervention from God!

The Point | Our enemy inflates himself and makes himself bigger than the challenges we face. When he's removed, the challenge is reduced to its normal, natural size and God is the Victor. (David faced Goliath as Israel hid in terror in 1 Samuel 17:40-53)

1. When you face very real challenges look to our God first and our perspective will change! Nehemiah 4:7-14 *...Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight...*

Below: Joseph City Foursquare (AZ), Zuni Pueblo and Chaco Canyon (NM)

