

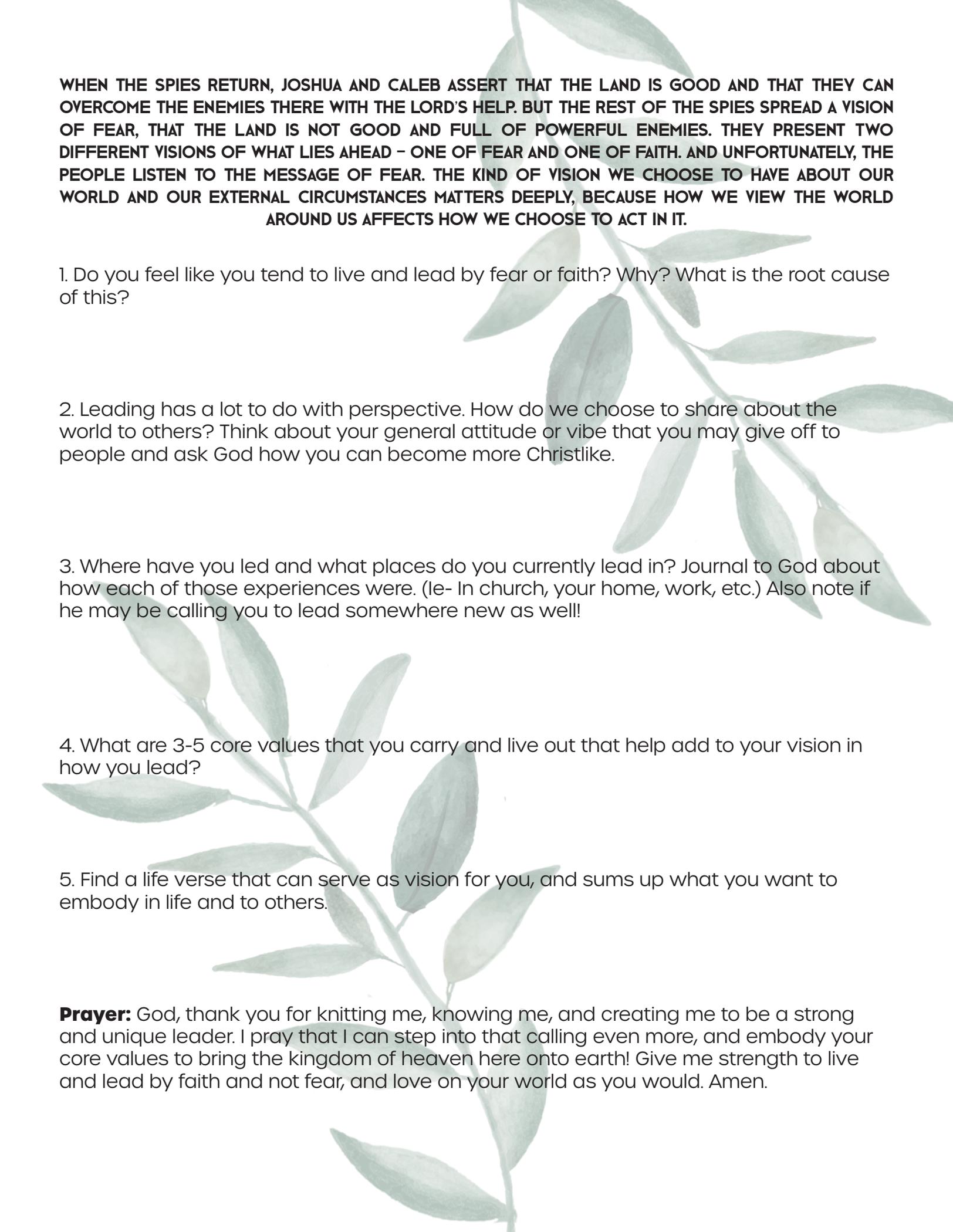
REVIVE DEVOTIONAL: KINGDOM LEADERSHIP SERIES- “LEADING IN VISION”

KINGDOM VISION IS ABOUT RECOGNIZING GOD’S PRESENCE AND LEADING IN OUR EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES – THIS KIND OF VISION GIVES US COURAGE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE PATH GOD HAS LAID OUT FOR US! TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PASSAGES FROM NUMBERS 13 AND NOTE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MOSES SENDS OUT SPIES FROM THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL. 2 OUT OF THE 12 HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT RESPONSE THAN THE MAJORITY (PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE IN RESPONSES IN THE HIGHLIGHTED WORDS).

Numbers 13

Exploring Canaan- The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.” 3 So at the Lord’s command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites. 17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. 18 See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. 19 What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwallled or fortified? 20 How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.) 21 So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. 22 They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 When they reached the Valley of Eshkol,[a] they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. 24 That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. 25 At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

Report on the Exploration- 26 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. 27 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. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 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.” 30 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.” 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” 32 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. 33 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.



WHEN THE SPIES RETURN, JOSHUA AND CALEB ASSERT THAT THE LAND IS GOOD AND THAT THEY CAN OVERCOME THE ENEMIES THERE WITH THE LORD'S HELP. BUT THE REST OF THE SPIES SPREAD A VISION OF FEAR, THAT THE LAND IS NOT GOOD AND FULL OF POWERFUL ENEMIES. THEY PRESENT TWO DIFFERENT VISIONS OF WHAT LIES AHEAD - ONE OF FEAR AND ONE OF FAITH. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE PEOPLE LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE OF FEAR. THE KIND OF VISION WE CHOOSE TO HAVE ABOUT OUR WORLD AND OUR EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES MATTERS DEEPLY, BECAUSE HOW WE VIEW THE WORLD AROUND US AFFECTS HOW WE CHOOSE TO ACT IN IT.

1. Do you feel like you tend to live and lead by fear or faith? Why? What is the root cause of this?

2. Leading has a lot to do with perspective. How do we choose to share about the world to others? Think about your general attitude or vibe that you may give off to people and ask God how you can become more Christlike.

3. Where have you led and what places do you currently lead in? Journal to God about how each of those experiences were. (Ie- In church, your home, work, etc.) Also note if he may be calling you to lead somewhere new as well!

4. What are 3-5 core values that you carry and live out that help add to your vision in how you lead?

5. Find a life verse that can serve as vision for you, and sums up what you want to embody in life and to others.

Prayer: God, thank you for knitting me, knowing me, and creating me to be a strong and unique leader. I pray that I can step into that calling even more, and embody your core values to bring the kingdom of heaven here onto earth! Give me strength to live and lead by faith and not fear, and love on your world as you would. Amen.