

abundant through Christ. But if we are afflicted, it is for your \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation; or if we are \_\_\_\_\_, it is for your \_\_\_\_\_, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our \_\_\_\_\_ . <sup>1 Cor. 1.3-7</sup>

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. "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." But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. <sup>Numbers 14.5-10</sup>



### **The Choice We Must Make**

- ◆ denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance – What happens if a person does not get to \_\_\_\_\_? What if the person or people or church never find their way to reality, to health, to healing?
- ◆ The Hebrews never got to \_\_\_\_\_. They spent the next 40 years living in denial, angry with their leaders and God. They were depressed often trying to bargain or believing the answers were going back to their old life \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ They lost touch with \_\_\_\_\_ and missed the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Look at Numbers 11.5-6 and you will see how far from reality they got.



# SPIRITUAL GRASSHOPPERS

LIVING IN FEAR

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*"There also We Saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and We Became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."* Numbers 13.33

### **The Size of Small**

- ◆ The way to Eternal Life is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 7.14)
- ◆ The beginning of Miracles is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mark 8.7-9)
- ◆ The gift Jesus noticed was \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mark 12.42-44)
- ◆ The man Jesus called was \_\_\_\_\_ . (Luke 19.3-5)
- ◆ The seed of the Kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mark 4.30-32)
- ◆ The judgment will include the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Revelation 20.12)

### **The Size of Small is N**

- ◆ Jesus uses churches that are \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 16.18)
- ◆ 80% of all churches in the world are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ The majority of believers go to churches that are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ People drive past large churches to get to churches that are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ There is nothing wrong with a church that is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ God loves \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **How Grasshoppers Think**

Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and **The People** \_\_\_\_\_ that night. All **The Sons Of Israel** \_\_\_\_\_ against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! "Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt." Numbers 14.1-4

### **The Stages of Grief**

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross was a Swiss-American psychiatrist, a pioneer in near-death studies and the author of the groundbreaking book *On Death and Dying*, where she first discussed her **theory** of the five stages of grief first published in 1969.

- ◆ Born: July 8, 1926, Zürich, Switzerland
- ◆ Died: August 24, 2004, Scottsdale, AZ
- ◆ Quote: There are no \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_.  
All events are \_\_\_\_\_ given to us to learn from.  
(See Romans 8.28)

### **The FIVE Stages of Grief**

- ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ◆ This cannot be happening to \_\_\_\_\_ !
  - ◆ I don't \_\_\_\_\_ this.
  - ◆ Denial is only delaying or ignoring what is happening...
    - ◇ •Health •Finances •Relationship
- ⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ◆ Outraged and Furious with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, we even blame \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ◆ And ask the question we want answered the most...  
"\_\_\_\_\_?"

- ◆ The potential to hurt or strike out and become \_\_\_\_\_ makes things worse.
- ◆ Must be released but in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.  
Writing it down, punching a pillow.
- ◆ Want immediate \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ◆ People want to change the outcome with a quick \_\_\_\_\_ or an easy \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ 'Let's Make a \_\_\_\_\_ is the game we want to play with God  
⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ◆ Here the person is \_\_\_\_\_ from the truth and can be very \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Crying, lack of appetite, silence, listless are all possible.
- ◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ is almost too much to deal with so they stop living. (this is ironic for the dying patient)
- ◆ This is a \_\_\_\_\_ stage for a person and different people take longer or less time.
- ◆ You will \_\_\_\_\_ cheer up a person in this stage. So don't try, cry with them. Hold their hand.  
⇒ \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ ...
- ◆ Facing the truth means the person can now look for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Helping others through their grief. Means accepting the hand you have been dealt.

### **Acceptance—Reality**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ us in all our affliction so that we will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are in any affliction with the \_\_\_\_\_ with which we ourselves are \_\_\_\_\_ by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our \_\_\_\_\_ is*