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Title: A Tale of Two Churches
Text: Numbers 13:1-3, 21-33

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.”

“A Tale of Two Cities” by Charles Dickens

The first church profiled is the Church of Negativity. (Ten spies)

Numbers 1:31-33 - But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” 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. 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.”

They didn't respect or trust the leadership.

They didn't respect or trust the Lord.

They were reluctant to move outside their comfort zones.

They were resistant to change.

They were not willing to put forth any effort.

They were always complaining.

They lived by fear not faith

The second church profiled is the Church of Possibilities. (Caleb and Joshua)

Numbers 13:30 - 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.”

We can do this.

Trust the leadership

Trust the Lord

Set goals and pursue them

Take ownership

Work with diligence

Support the Church with time, talent and tithe.

The benefits of attending the Church of Possibilities verses the Church of Negativity.

The negative church wanders around in circles with no purpose.

The negative church will eventually die.

The negative church misses out on God's blessings.

The Church of Possibilities is always discovering new ways to serve God.

The Church of possibilities is filled with excitement.

The Church of possibilities accomplishes God's will.

The Church of possibilities is a blessed Church.