

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Part 2: Future Vision

WHEN THE FUTURE DOES NOT LOOK PROMISING

- The Stockdale Paradox
 1. Face the hard facts of the current reality
 2. Couple that with a never ending faith that you will prevail in the end
- The believer's paradox
 1. We face and do not deny the current reality - even when it's hard
 2. We have faith that we will prevail in the end
 3. The difference (**1 Corinthians 15:57 NKJV**)

WHEN THE FUTURE LOOKED BLEAK TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL

- The voice of the majority
 1. Although the land is good there are big problems associated with it - literal giants
 2. We can not handle this - we are too weak and too small
- When the majority voices were believed (**Numbers 14:1-4 NKJV**)
 1. The people cried all night
 2. They complained about the leadership
 3. Denied the goodness of God
 4. Were making plans to return to slavery - giving up on God's plan
- Two men with a different vision of the future (**Numbers 14:6-9 NKJV**)
 1. These two believed that the future looked promising
 2. Joshua and Caleb believed that the Lord would help them
 3. Because of what these men believed ... They were not afraid of the future

YOUR VISION OF THE FUTURE (Proverbs 29:18a KJV)

- Face the hard facts facing you but...
 1. Don't stop with just the facts
 2. Don't magnify the facts
- On purpose bring God into your facts and into your future
 1. He will not force His way into your life
 2. Choose to believe He is bigger than your problems and can help you (**Hebrews 11:6 NKJV**)
 3. Talk God's help more than you talk the problem
- Ask yourself this question: What do I see for the future, my future?
 1. If you are weeping, sad and complaining
 2. Smiling, glad and rejoicing (**1 Samuel 2:1b NKJV**)