Podcast Worksheet
Can We Trust God's Timing?

Scriptural Text:
Deuteronomy 1:6, 8, 21, 26-28a; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-20, 27-28, 30-33; 14:1-10, 33

Main Points:

1. When God says it's time to go, we can be confident we're ready and that he has everything in place, assuring our success.
2. The problem for the Israelites was not about getting the facts right, it was about getting their perspective about the facts right.
3. Instead of viewing their circumstances through God's power and strength, they viewed them through their own abilities.
4. The crux of the problem was that the ten spies doubted God's character. Their defeat was a result of their false beliefs.
5. God tells us to not be afraid because he knows he can overcome any challenge.
6. No one can make us lose heart. We're fully in charge of our own thoughts and perspectives.
7. Inventing future disasters is foolish. While it is true we go through painful experiences, it is better to trust God will work things out instead of worrying or trying to predict the future.
8. Joshua and Caleb were successful because of their faith and belief in God. They viewed their circumstances through God's character and abilities.
9. When we doubt God, refusing to go when he says to go, we suffer painful consequences, as do our loved ones.
10. God is not pleased with grumblers; complaining hurts his heart.
11. When we're going where God asks us to go, when he asks us to go, he then provides for our needs and protects us from giants.

Questions:

1. Has there been a time God asked you do to something and you hesitated? If so, describe.

2. Share an example of a time when you were "inventing future disasters." What false belief(s) was propelling you to do so?

3. What are three of God's character traits that can build your faith to go when he says to go?

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, please give me the faith of Joshua and Caleb, faith to trust your character and trust your promises to always provide for me and protect me. Teach me to view my circumstances through your abilities, not my own. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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