

# Survival

Numbers 13,14

We are in a battle!

When you are up to your armpits in alligators it  
is hard to remember that you came to drain the swamp

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## **An assessment of the battle**

**“Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out  
the land of Canaan, which I am going to give to the  
sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their  
fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them.” Num 13:2**

## **An assessment of where we are standing**

**“But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able  
to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us." Num 13:31**

## **An assessment of how we influence other people**

**“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?” Num 14:3**

## **A good story with a miserable ending**

**“Your children, however, whom you said would become a prey--I will bring them in, and they will know the land which you have rejected. But as for you, your corpses will fall in this wilderness. Your sons shall be shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness. According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years, and you will know My opposition.” Num 14:33**