Obstacles and Opportunities

Ready:

"Send men to scout out the land of Canaan I am giving to the Israelites. Send one man who is a leader among them from each of their ancestral tribes. Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran at the Lord's command." – Numbers 13:2-3

Set

When you walk onto a court or field to play a game, do you see obstacles or opportunities? Do you stare at your opponents while they warm up and begin to wonder why you even laced up your Nikes, or do you focus on giving your all?

In Numbers 13, the spies were sent into Canaan to check out the land. God had already given them great victories in battle and rescued them from tough situations. During the 40 days that they were evaluating the land, they could have seen a great opportunity, but they didn't. Only two guys, Joshua and Caleb, thought that they could succeed in acquiring the land.

It's strange that the Israelites didn't remember the situations from which God had delivered them and the victories He had granted. They also forgot that God had commanded them to go into the land and that He had promised to give it to them.

God has already given us much. We only need to be more like Joshua and Caleb, who received and believed in the opportunity that God had given them. Take that to heart as you go out and compete against seemingly significant obstacles and trust God to see you through it all.

Go

- What practical steps can you take to increase your faith in God's plan for your life?
- How can you apply those steps to your competition and training?

Workout

Deuteronomy 31:8

2 Corinthians 12:9

Overtime

"Lord, help me to remember that through my doubt, I can see only obstacles, but through my faith in You, I can see opportunities. Allow me to increase this faith every day. Amen."

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