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They Were Telling the Truth



For several long years the children of Israel had been trekking through a desert wilderness under the heat of a scorching sun, chasing a promise. Their experience, right from the word "go," had been the stuff of Hollywood; AI wouldn't be able to properly capture their experience. You name it, God had done it for these people. He had split the Red Sea so that the children of Israel could walk through on dry ground.

He had fed them with bread from heaven. And now they were—at last—on the borders of the Promised Land. They could *see* it, and God had said they could have it. But before the children of Israel went in to possess the land, they insisted that they send twelve spies to investigate. And even though God knew Canaan like the back of His hand, He let the people fulfill their request.

Forty days later, the twelve spies returned. The Bible tells us that Moses stood before the people; I'm sure a solemn and expectant hush settled on the congregation as the spies began to deliver their report. "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit" (Num. 13:27). It was a great start, and as the community beheld the fruit of the land, their eyes must've opened wide with amazement.

But as the report continued, their focus turned to the high walls and strong peoples that dotted the hills of Canaan. Suddenly the Promised Land didn't seem so promising. Caleb, the spy from the tribe of Judah, spoke up in an attempt to encourage the community's crumbling faith. "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it" (verse 30). But it was too late; the damage had been done, and by morning the whole camp of Israel wanted to stone Caleb and Joshua and elect a new leader to take them back to Egypt.

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As I think again about the report of the 10 negative spies, I'm struck by one thing: They were telling the truth. In Deuteronomy 9:1, 2 Moses even says, "Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations *greater and mightier than yourself*, cities great and *fortified up to heaven, a people great and tall,* the descendants of the Anakim."

So the walls *were* high! And the people *were* tall! But when God graded their exaggerated report, He called it "bad" and "evil" (Num. 14:36, 37). Why?

In *our* journey to the heavenly Promised Land, we too will be faced with circumstances that will—by all appearances—seem impossible to surmount. We will be tempted to be guided by what we see, but God is calling for us to walk by faith. Caleb and Joshua had seen the same walls and giants that had frightened the others—but unlike the others, they had their eyes fixed on the promises of God and on the God who had promised them this land. God's Word was all that mattered to them.

"It was Caleb's faith in God that gave him courage; that kept him from the fear of man, even the mighty giants, the sons of Anak, and enabled him to stand boldly and unflinchingly in defense of the right. From the same exalted source, the mighty General of the armies of Heaven, every true soldier of the cross of Christ must receive strength and courage to overcome obstacles that often seem insurmountable." **(Ellen G. White, Testimonies for the Church)**

May God help us to follow Him fully and to be filled with the Holy Spirit as Caleb was (Num. 14:24), that we may be able to enter the heavenly Canaan God has promised to us and will bring us into as well.

-Charissa Torossian
Adventist Review

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ADMIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation Service

Sunday, November 29, 2026 · 4:00 p.m. · Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church Join us as we formally install the leaders elected at the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the South Bahamas Conference. We invite all members and friends to attend, pray with our leaders, and encourage them as they take up their responsibilities.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

5Annual Festival of Carols
5 Community Literature Distribution (All Churches) 6 SBC & AHPA End of Year Social
6Year-end activity
6-29 Stewardship Revival
12 Health Ministries Emphasis Day
15 Office Christmas Party
22 Conference Office Closes
19 Christmas Sabbath
20 Church Music Coordinators' Meeting
26 Music Day (All churches)
26 Youth Revival and Recommitment Sabbath

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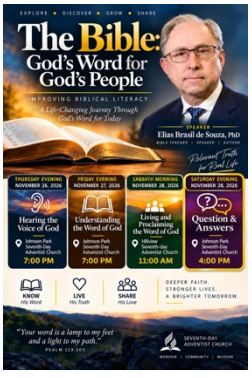
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Nov. 29-Dec. 5 Turks and Caicos Islands Conference
6 – 12 Newly Elected Conference Officers and Directors
13 – 19 Gospel Finance
20 – 26 Spiritual Discernment
27 – Jan. 2 Readiness for the Return of Our Lord

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2026 BIBLE CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the Annual Bible Conference, taking place from November 26-28, 2026, under the theme "Understanding Your Bible." The Conference will feature Elias Brasil de Souza, Director of the Biblical Research Institute at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, as our guest speaker for this transformative event.



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A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

The South Bahamas Conference presents "The Glory of Christmas: Celebrating Christ's Birth," a Festival of Carols by Lloyd Larson, on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Hillview Church on Tonique Darling Highway. Come worship the

Newborn King with special musical features by The Meistersingers and the Bahamas Academy Concert Band.



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WHOLISTIC LIFESTYLE
Wellness & Prevention Health Lecture Series
Join Wholistic Lifestyle with guest presenter, Marvin Randall on December 6, 2026. **Topic:** The Root Causes of Diabetes: Addressing Insulin Resistance Through Natural Medicine" 5:00 – 6:15pm via Zoom. For more information: WhatsApp: 828-6387 or email: lifestylecounsellor64@gmail.com. Join via Zoom: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84423390600. Meeting ID: 844 2339 0600



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Step Into Wellness Monthly Fun/Run Walk
December 6th, 2026
This is a monthly Community Fun/Run Walk, which is held the second Sunday monthly. Starting time: 6:00am. Goodman's Bay. Come join in the fun and be a part of a vibrant wellness and fitness community. For further information, WhatsApp Nathelyn LaCroix 828-6387.



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CENTREVILLE CHURCH
Thanksgiving Service
Join CTV Youth Church for a special Youth Thanksgiving Service titled "From Seed to Harvest" on Saturday, November 28, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at Centreville Church. Come enjoy a morning of praise and worship, prayer, reflection, fellowship, and a Thanksgiving message centered on Galatians 6:7.



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THE INSPIRATIONALS
Join the Inspirational Choir, under the direction of Elder J. Ralph Rolle for "The King of Kings is Coming" Concert on Sunday, December 6th, 2026, at 5:00 pm. At Living Faith Church. This special 100-voice musical event will feature guest presenter, Dr. Peter Joseph.



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ACKLINS HEALTH RETREAT
Join us from March 24–31, 2027, for a wellness retreat featuring special guest speaker Dr. Marvin Randall from the Uchee Pines Lifestyle Center. Attendees will enjoy health seminars on managing chronic conditions, herbal tinctures, hydrotherapy, charcoal therapy, as well as historic plantation tours and local island hospitality. Space is limited; reserve your spot today by calling **(242) 557-2176** or **(242) 326-1976** (package includes airfare from Nassau, ground transport, meals, lodging, seminars, and tours).



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ANNUAL FUN/RUN WALK
Join Wholistic Lifestyle Center for our 3rd Annual Step Into Wellness Fun Run/Walk & Health Assessment on Monday, January 11, 2027 (Majority Rule Day), starting at 6:00 AM at Goodman's Bay. Enjoy free health screenings, assessments, chair massages, counselling, water, snacks, and much more!



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SUN SETS NEXT SABBATH
Saturday, December 05, 2026
@ 5:19 p.m.
Have a Happy Sabbath