

The GOD You Can TRUST

Part 10: The Grasshopper Complex

Numbers 13-14



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“The Promised Land”

- the land that was given to Abraham and his descendants according to the promise God made in the (*Gen. 12:7*)
- a place or situation in which someone expects to find great happiness

Caleb vs. **Crowd**

**stride forward
in FAITH**

**shrink back
in FEAR**

Seven Contrasts

Contrast #1: Calebs see God's promises and respond confidently; the Crowd sees human obstacles and responds fearfully.



Seven Contrasts

Contrast #2: Calebs focus on potential opportunities; the Crowd focuses on exaggerated obstacles.



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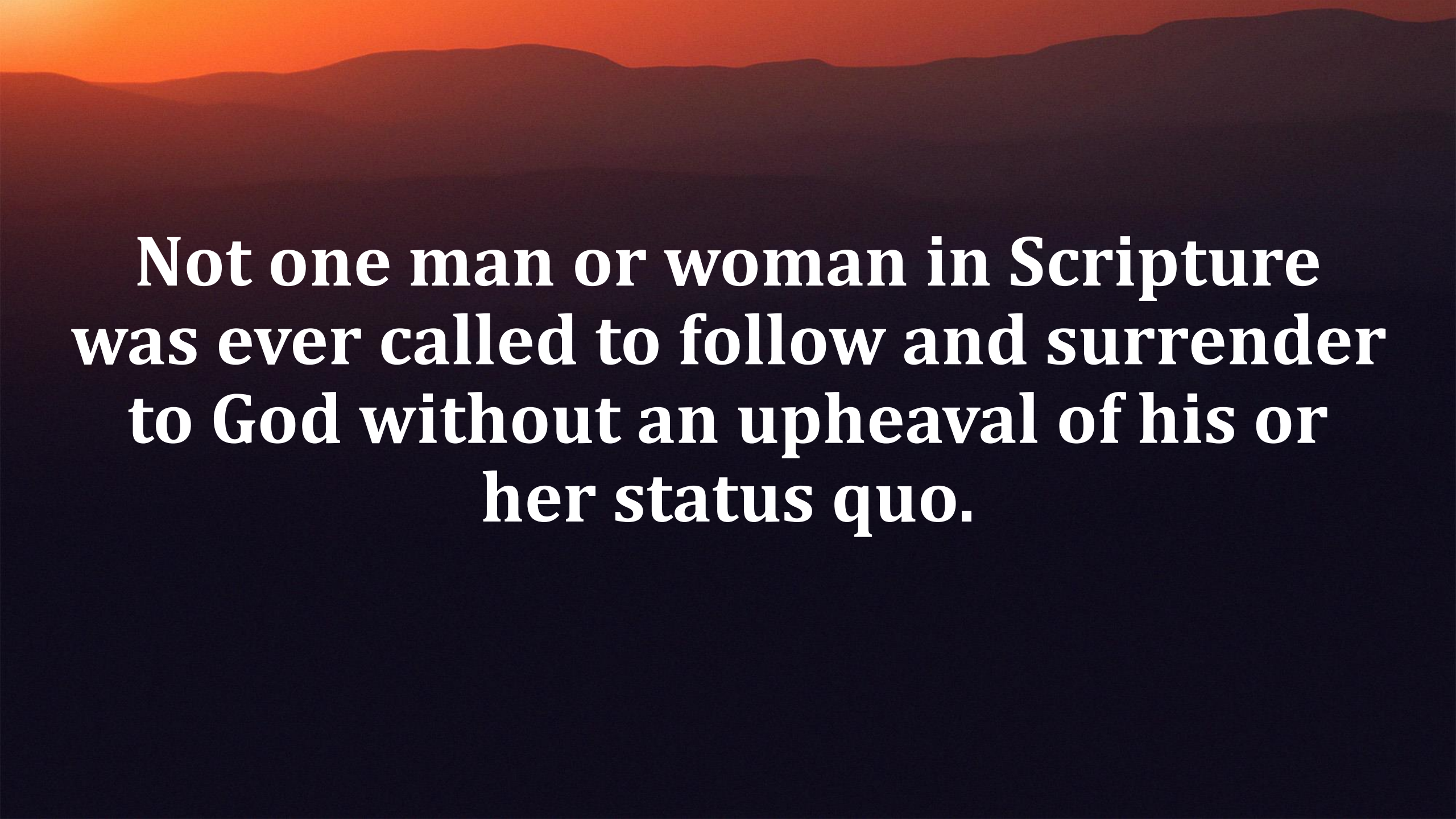
Contrast #3: Calebs have the courage to stand alone; the crowd hides in the safety of the majority *(14:6-7)*.



Seven Contrasts

Contrast #4: Calebs have vision to move forward; the crowd is content to maintain status quo *(14:8-9)*.





**Not one man or woman in Scripture
was ever called to follow and surrender
to God without an upheaval of his or
her status quo.**



Provision



Pro / vision

“before” “sight” or “seeing”

looking ahead; giving direction;
anticipating needs; defining the destination



Seven Contrasts

Contrast #5: Calebs are motivated by the blessings of the future; the crowd clings to the security of the present / past *(14:3-4)*.



Seven Contrasts

Contrast #6: Calebs believe God's promises; the crowd forgets God's past provision *(14:8-9)*.



Seven Contrasts

Contrast #7: Calebs receive God's full blessings; the crow is judged and replaced (*14:11ff*).




Two Important Principles

Principle #1 - When we choose by our lack of faith and lack of vision to reject God's plan for blessing, there are always consequences.





Rejecting God's best ...

1. **Emotional turmoil** *(14:1)*
 2. **Blame-shifting** *(14:2)*
 3. **Despair** *(14:3)*
 4. **Mutiny** *(14:4)*
 5. **Reject counsel** *(14:5-9)*
 6. **Judgement** *(14:10-35)*
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Principle #1 - When we choose by our lack of faith and lack of vision to reject God's plan for blessing, there are always consequences.

Principle #2 - No matter who the people are that God uses, God's plan is always accomplished *(14:31)*.



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