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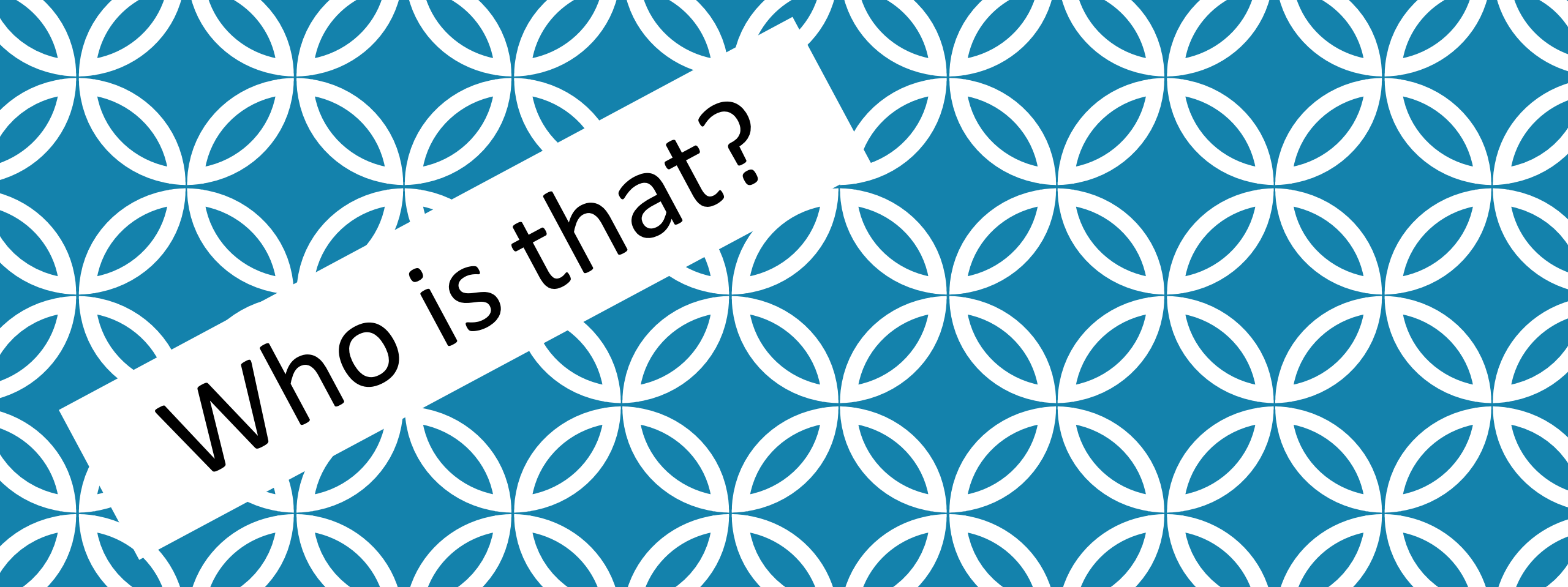


2025 TO DATE

I've Been Meaning to Ask

The Story Behind the Door

NEXT: Who is That?



Who is that?

CALEB NUMBERS 13-14

Remembering God's
Faithfulness

NUMBERS 13:17-20

When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.” (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

NUMBERS 13:23-25

When they reached the Valley of Eshkol,^[a] they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

NUMBERS 13:26-27

They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

NUMBERS 13:28-29

But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

NUMBERS 13:30-31

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.”

NUMBERS 13:32-33

And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

NUMBERS 14:1-3

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NUMBERS 14:4-7

And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.

NUMBERS 14: 8-9

If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

WHO WAS CALEB?

A representative leader from the tribe of Judah

A Kennazite – not descendants from Jacob (also called Israel) Kennazites are descendants of Esau

Part of the group that were in Egypt in slavery and witnessed the miracles of God through Moses and crossing the Red Sea.

The only person alongside Joshua who entered the Promised Land from that generation.

WHAT WAS THE ROLE OF THE SPIES?

To observe two things:

THE LAND: the reward – the future – **What could be.**

THE PEOPLE: – the opposition – the obstacles in the present. **What is now.**

WEIGHING UP THE REPORTS

Our Resources



Our Opposition

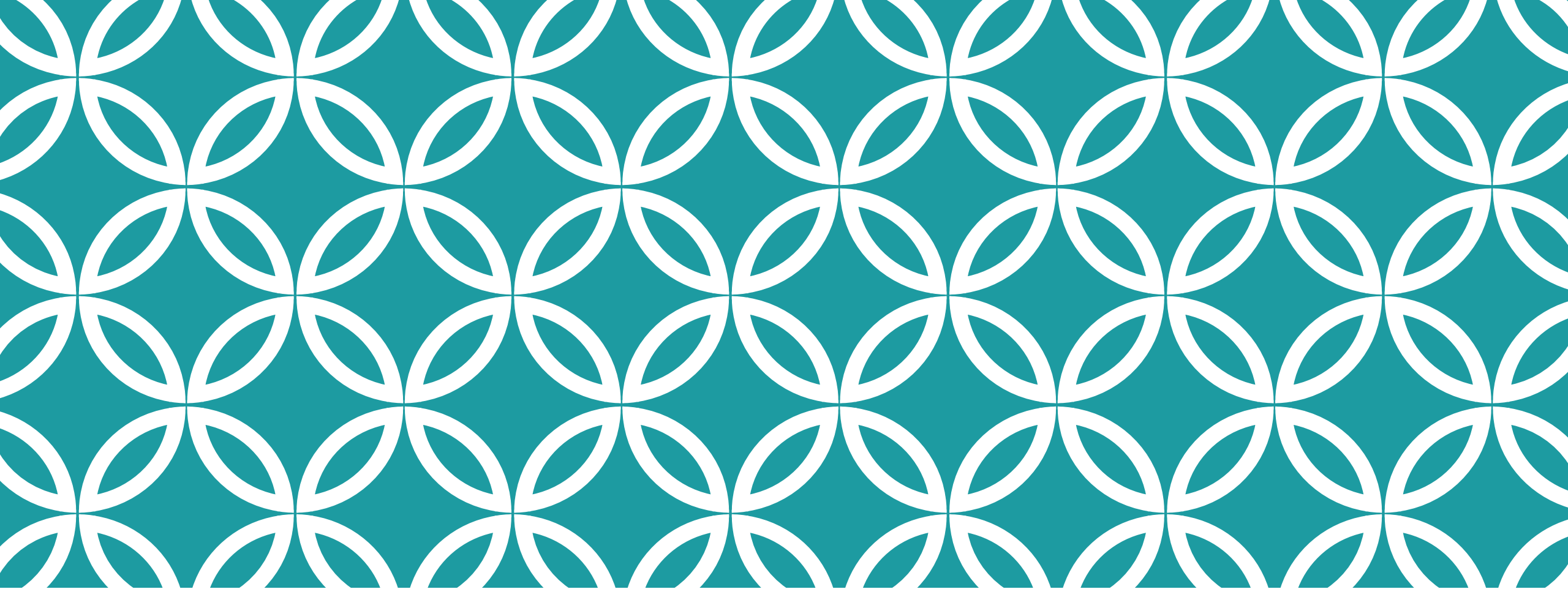
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THE SPIES

The Ten – The People of God vs The People in the Land = **NO WAY!!**

Joshua and Caleb – The People of God + **The God of Israel** vs the People in the Land = **LET'S GO!!**

How often do we forget to add The God of Israel into the equation?



DARING GREATLY

By Brene Brown

CITIZENSHIP IN A REPUBLIC - THE MAN IN THE ARENA

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming;

MAN IN THE ARENA CONTINUED....

...but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

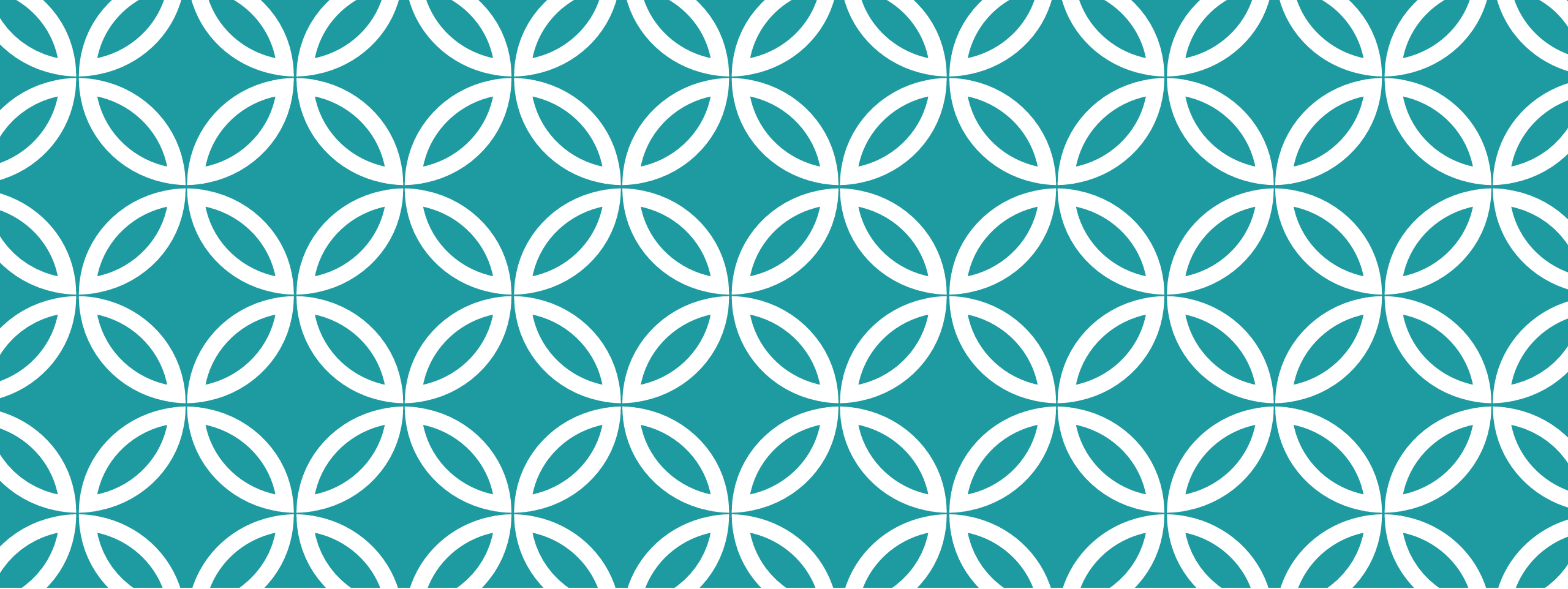
HOW DID CALEB DARE GREATLY?

He did not sit on the sideline as “the critic” – “the cold and timid” but as the man who “strived valiantly.”

45 Years later, he was given the land that he had walked on

Many people in the Scriptures are counted among the “the critics” – the ones who looked at the opposition and did not act.

Many others looked at the opposition and acted anyway!



THE CALL TO DARE GREATLY: CRITIC? FIGHTER?