Seeing Well To Travel Well – Ephesians 1:16-23

## The Over Arching Truth – Source of Contentment

Paul's Prayer: Because we are part of something big

Know God Better: Spirit of Wisdom and revelation

Know the Hope

Glorious inheritance

Incomparable power for us

Know Hope's fulfillment: Jesus raised and Jesus reigns
The total and ultimate victory over our enemy secured
This shapes our courage and confidence

## Numbers 13-14

Israel is on the Joseph journey – Slave of others to leader of others

Joseph's choices were based on his enlightenment of God's Goal His Choices Were Not Determined By Other's Behaviors

Israel's Purpose: God's judgement on Evil, Light for the Nations Delivered (Passover), Protected (Red Sea, Attacks), Provided for (lead to water, given food), Presence of God

Can you Imagine the excitement?

It's a good and prosperous land!

Do you feel their disappointment? Prov 3:5-8

Limited View:

Distorted Perspective: We are too weak – self trust Blaming God brought us to be killed and our families plundered

Reinforcing Lie: The land devours those living in it

Their Conclusion

What kind of God is this?

It would have been better to die in the wilderness or in Egypt

Ok, so I will treat you according to God you think I am, let's go back into the wilderness

No we will go, we are not to weak. Without me you are.

Our response: Know the nature of the God we serve: He is Loving, Forgives sin and rebellion but there are consequences Know God's Plan: We are His body, We will be raised to LIFE