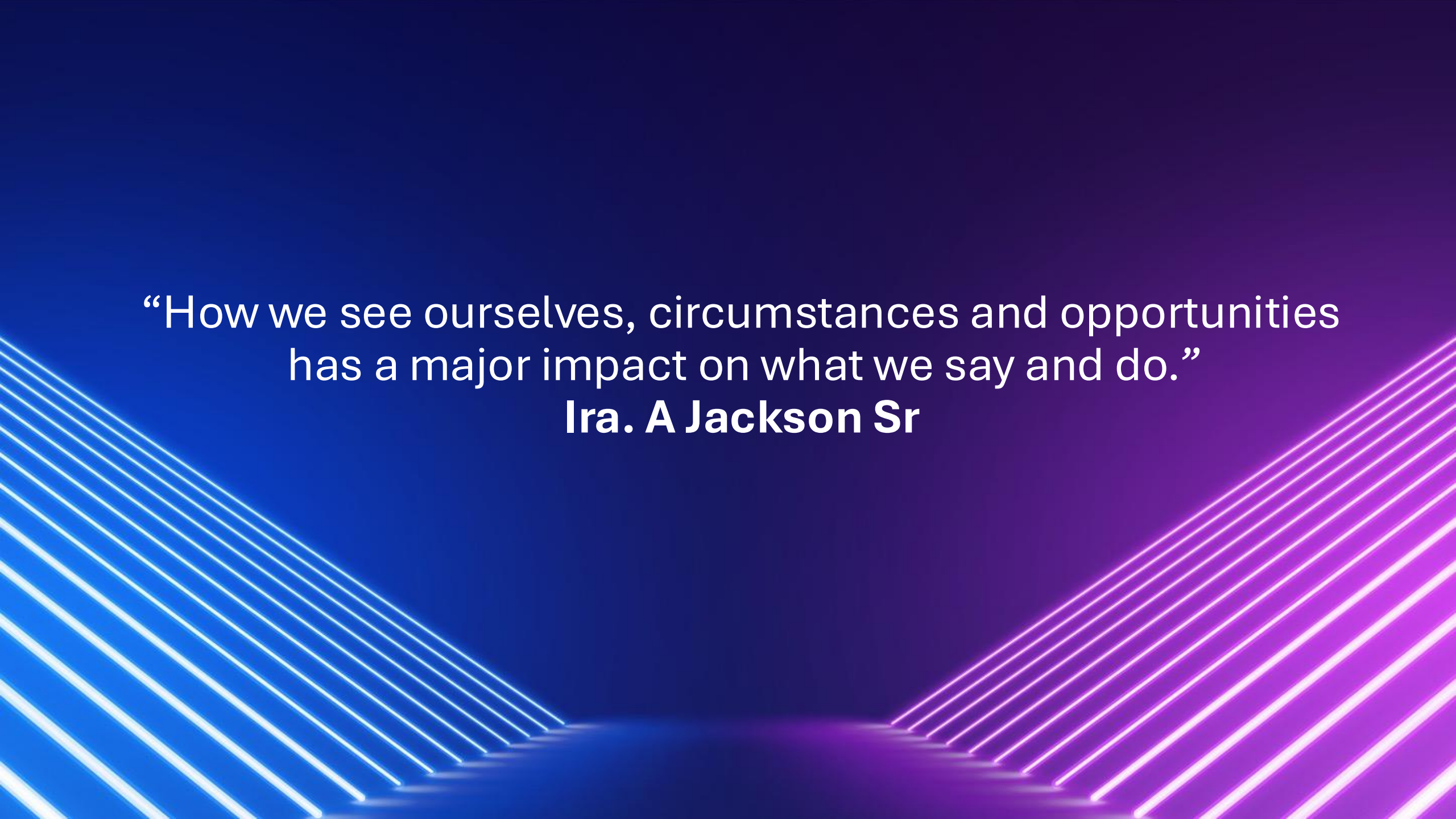


“Vision Series”

I See Something

By Ira A Jackson Sr

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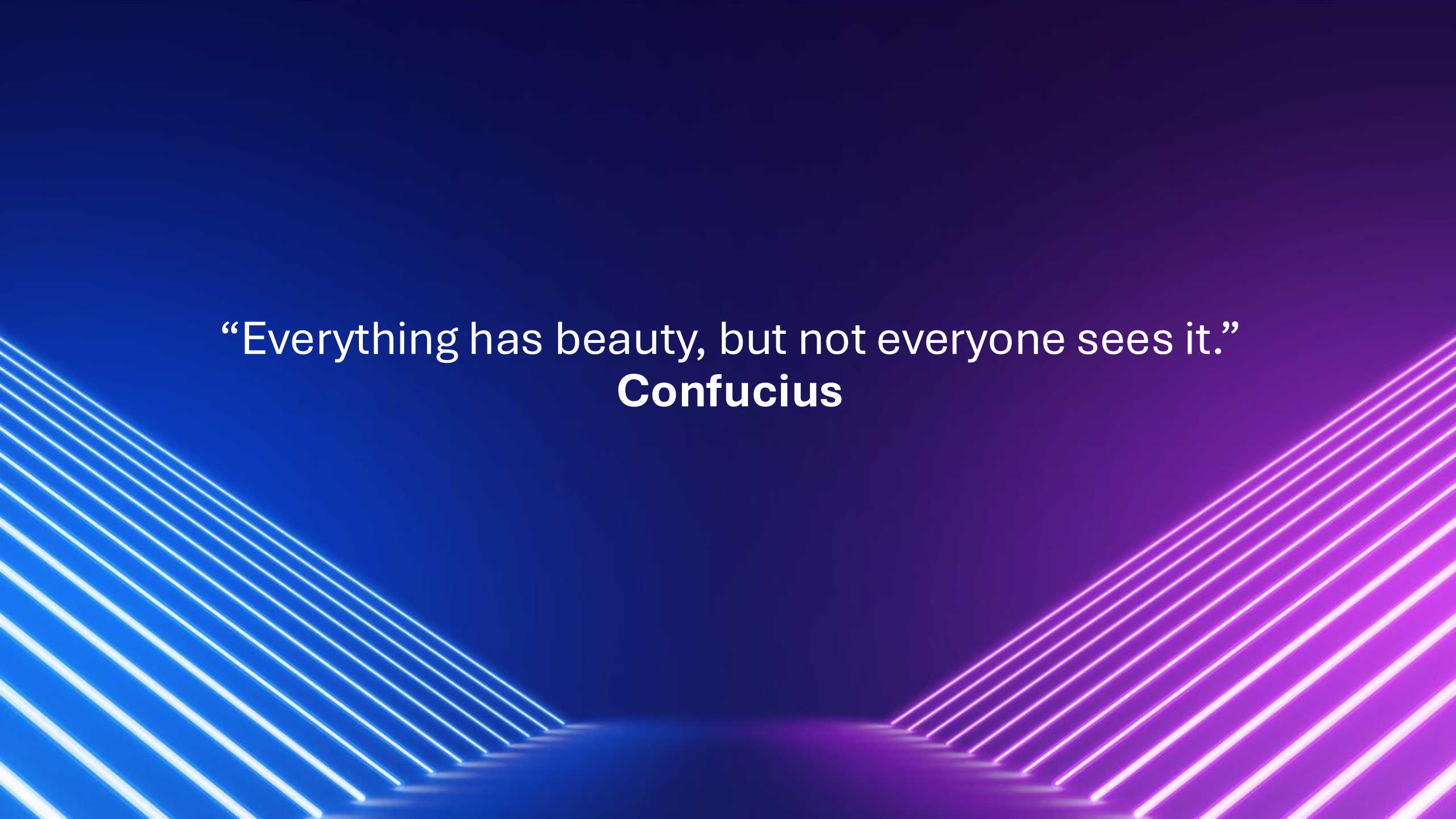
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“The problem is not our situation but our perception of our situation”

Graham Cooke

Text: Num 13:30-33

Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we.” And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.” (NKJ)

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“Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.”
Confucius

Definitions of Perception

- **Dictionary:** A belief or opinion often held by people based on how things seem.
- **Philosophy:** A complex relationship between the mind, sensory organs and the external world.
- **Psychology:** The process whereby sensory stimulation is translated into organised experience.
- **Biblically:** The ability to see, hear, or become aware of something through senses, as spiritual insight and discernment granted by God.

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“Facts matter not at all. Perception is everything.”
Stephen Colbert

God's Performance

- Part the red sea (Exo 14:21-28): God's deliverance and protection.
- Manna and Quail (Exo 16:4-35): God's sustaining His people in barren conditions.
- Water from a Rock (Exo 17:1-7): God's supernatural ability to get water from a rock.
- Pillar of Cloud and Fire (Exo 13: 21-22) God's faithfulness in divine guidance.


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“If the doors of perception were cleansed everything
would appear to man as it is, infinite.”

William Blake

Scouting Report

1. **Produce:** They showed Moses and the people evidence that the land is truly fruitful.
2. **Place:** They told Moses and the people that the land is flowing with milk, honey and is truly fruitful.
3. **People:** However, the people are strong, cities fortified and very large, plus Anak the giants are there.
4. **Spies:** Ten (10) spies brought back a distorted picture and infected the whole nation of Israel.

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“When perception distorts the picture of opportunity, true potential is left unfulfilled.”

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10 Spies Perception

1. **Beliefs:** They did not believe God was able to bring them into the promise land.
2. **Circumstances:** They came out of slavery in Egypt where their needs were met, into the wilderness where they had to depend on God.
3. **Experiences:** They experienced challenges but also saw God's supernatural miraculous power.
4. **Knowledge:** They are out of Egypt, but Egypt is not out of them.

Key Questions

- How do you see yourself?
- **What do you believe about yourself?**
- How do you see your circumstances?
- **How do you see the opportunities that you are presented with?**

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