

PARSHAT SHELACH LECHA
NUMBERS 13:1-15:41
HAFTARAH JOSHUA 2:1-24
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Tuna Fishing

Oil on canvass by Salvador Dali (1967)



Aliyah

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TO MAKE THE MUNDANE MEANINGFUL

1. $\psi\text{-}לח\text{-}לך$ (Numbers 13:2)
According to your own understanding. I am not commanding you, but if you wish, you may send. (Rashi)
2. The spies were not afraid of failure. They were afraid of success. (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson)
3. The purpose for which this world was created is that the Holy Blessed One desired to have an abode in the lower worlds. (Midrash Tanchuma, Naso)

To serve God does not mean to withdraw from the world; it rather means to serve God within the world and together with the world, beginning with one's own home, which is to be run in such a way that the Shechinah would dwell within it, as Scripture says, "They shall make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8). (Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson)

4. The mundane and the sacred are the same. (Alan Watts)

By being mindful, we can turn the mundane into the meaningful, recognizing that this life is special and worthy of our attention. (Tal Ben-Shahar)

5. All the cosmos and all the universe converge in one point, which, in the present case, is the Tuna-Fishing. (Salvador Dali)