

HINDSIGHT

WEEK 3: FAITH FORWARD

DAY 1: READ NUMBERS 13

What is the first thing the Lord tells Moses in verse 2 about the land? What was the status of the people Moses (obeying God) called to go and spy out in Canaan? Why is this significant when they return to give their report to Moses and the people?

DAY 2: READ NUMBERS 13:27 - 14:12

What is the impact of the leaders' report on the Israelites? What is the importance of leadership firmly based on absolute trust in God and full confidence in His promises? Have you ever doubted God's promises and let your perspective spill onto others? How did it affect them? Just like Caleb and Joshua in Numbers 14:6-10, what should we remind others of when they are in a time of uncertainty, doubt or confronted with the past? How did the Israelites let their past prevent them from moving forward?

DAY 3: READ NUMBER 14:11-20

As surely as God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, He is just as able to wipe these unfaithful people out and create a new nation without them. As Moses, who has seen the physical presence of the Lord and witnessed the mighty power and authority of God to do incredible things, this proposal is serious business. What is Moses' first response to God's proposal? What does Moses remember about God's faithfulness? Whatever our situation, whatever our past, no matter the justification or lack thereof, let's first remember God's unchanging character and look to Him for life.

DAY 4: READ NUMBERS 14:20-38

What does the Lord determine for the Israelites who doubted the Lord's faithfulness and, in disobedience, desired to go back to being slaves in Egypt rather than trust the Lord to provide what He had promised? What happens to the returning spies, whose report was saturated with faithless fear and doubt? Of the returning spies, only Caleb and Joshua are saved from the plague and allowed to enter the Promised Land. Why? Let's be like Caleb and Joshua, trusting and confident that God is faithful, no matter what we see, hear or endure.

DAY 5: READ 2 TIMOTHY 1 - 2:13

How does this passage demonstrate what a life saturated in trust and obedience to the call of Jesus looks like? Paul speaks a lot about remembering Jesus' grace and love and stewarding it well in preparation for the day when Jesus returns. Why is this kind of remembrance important to maintaining and preparing for Christ's return? Why are God's promises more important than our past or present circumstances?

DAY 6: READ HEBREWS 3 & 4

Why does this passage keep encouraging us to hold fast to our confidence, hope and obedience in Jesus Christ? How does this passage call back to the fear, rebellion and penalty of the Israelites during Moses' time? At the end of chapter 4, why can we trust that Jesus understands and truly knows our situations? Let this be a great reminder to you today. Thank Him throughout the day.

DAY 7: READ PHILIPPIANS 3:12 - 4:23

When we keep our eyes on Jesus and focus our lives on living and serving according to His purpose, we don't have to dwell on the broken, imperfect things from our past or our circumstances. We are sustained by the hope, faith, and trust in the true, unfulfilling promise of God. Let's avoid destruction and the famine that comes from anything else except Jesus. Let's be a people of His purpose today, tomorrow and every unsure moment God gives us until He returns.