



Message Reflections

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Read: Numbers 13 and Numbers 14

Even though the land of Canaan was promised to them and God had provided for them, the people still did not trust God to bring them into the Promised land safely. When we fail to take God at His word and seek to do things our own way, He will allow us to wander. In the midst of our wanderings, we often miss out on the blessings God has for us.

- Think about a time when, because of fear, you missed out on a great opportunity? Or a time when you stepped out in faith, took a risk, and received God's blessing?

- Do the difficulties in your life tend to lead you toward or away from God?

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 -- We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

Self-reliance is a crisis of faith. You cure it by coming back to the gospel. If you are prone to rely on yourself, you must relearn how to believe.

- What is a circumstance that tempts you to rely on yourself?

- Where are you denying God's goodness or doubting His promises? What can you do to turn it around?

God may not be calling you to Africa or to even walk across the street. But He is calling you to a place of obedience, trust, and surrender. He is calling you to walk in the right kind of fear.

Take a moment and ask God to forgive you of your self-reliance and claim the promise that God will never leave you or forsake you. He can be trusted.

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