

When You Lose Your Faith

1. Welcome & Opening

“How has God blessed you?” Take turns sharing your stories.

2. Praise Give Thanks

3. Prayer

4. Scripture Reading

Numbers 13:26-33

²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan... ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

Numbers 14:1-20

¹ That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt...” ¹⁹ In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.” ²⁰ The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked.

5. Video Viewing

6. Reflection & Sharing

God said that Abraham would make a great nation (Israel), possess the good land (Canaan), and become a source of blessings. At last, the time has come, and God prepares to send the Israelites into the Promised Land. But when an obstacle appears before them, the people are startled and afraid, and they lose faith in God.

Paul tells us that this wilderness story is given as an example for us (1 Corinthians 10), teaching us how tragic the end of those who complain and lose faith in God, but it also teaches us a lesson on re-awakening. What happens when you lose faith in God?



1) When one loses his faith, he looks to his own power instead of the power of God.

- Q Of the land reported by the spies What was good about it? What were the obstacles to taking possession of the land reported by the spies? (Numbers 13:26-33)
- S The spies were amazed by the beautiful land and abundance that God had prepared. But their fear of their enemies led them to lose faith. Then, seeing their own weakness instead of God’s power, the began to calculate whether they could win. If you have recently decided on something by faith looking at God’s power instead of looking at your own, please share. How can we always remember that we can overcome problems by believing in God?

2) When we lose our faith, we forget the power of God we had experienced in the past and the promises of the future that He has given us.

- Q What did the Israelites do when their faith was shaken? (Numbers 14:1-4)
- S When they lost their faith, the Israelites were shaken. They concluded that it would be better for them to die in the wilderness or return to Egypt as slaves. When you lose your faith, you lose your sense of discernment. They have forgotten all that God had done at the Red Sea and in the wilderness and ignored all his promises of future in the Promised Land. What should we think about when our faith is shaken by fear? How can we overcome fear with faith in God?

3) When you lose your faith, you need a mediator to pray for the restoration of our faith.

- Q What did the Israelites do when their faith was shaken? (Numbers 14:19-20)
- S Moses prays for the sins of the people and stands before God as their mediator. He prayed for his people who sinned would receive God’s forgiveness and restore their lost faith in God. When we lost our faith, who prayed for you to restore faith and how did they help? How can the Holy Spirit, our true Advocate and Comforter, help restore our faith?

Wrap Up

When we lose faith, we begin to look at our own abilities instead of God’s, and we forget not only the grace of God we had experienced in the past but also the promises of the future that He has given us. God is the one who happily guides us in the path He has prepared. If we do not lose faith and always stand on God’s side, God will give us grace to overcome all our fears and lead us to the promised land.

Pray Together

1. Help me to overcome my fears by remembering what God has done in my life.
2. Pray for Pastor Taehoo Lee and his work in North Philadelphia (supported by our Community Group)

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