

THE STORY CHAPTER 6 WANDERING OR POSSESSING?

Key Verse:

“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.” Deuteronomy 8:2 (NIV)

Introduction

1. Have you ever had a “wilderness experience” on a road trip that you took your family on? Whether it was making a wrong turn, or dealing with complaining passengers, how did it make you feel? What are some comparisons you can make with your own personal journey with the Lord towards His promises and calling?
2. Is there a place now or in some recent time that you can relate to being “in the land in between”? (A place between the prayer and the answer, leaving a job and finding the right one, waiting for a spouse, healing, praying for a child to return... and seeing it happen) What is the greatest challenge or struggle you’ve had in that time? What do you think the Lord might have wanted to teach you?
3. Which of the tests that were mentioned can you most relate to at this time? (The temptation to complain and be disappointed, to rebel and push against authority, or live in fear and retreat from a promise or an assignment because of fear and opposition). What would it mean for you to respond to God instead of reacting in the flesh? What is a way that you could let God use this test as a “Push UP” not a “Push Down?”
4. Can you think of an example of something that is ‘MANNA’ in your life right now. something that is a “main and necessary, not exciting activity.” How is it that God is calling you to be faithful, grateful, and content in being consistent in a little thing, so He can make you a possessor of greater things? What is the greatest challenge for you, when your Christian life is a call to just keep walking, when you’d rather be dancing or flying or taking the fast train to milk and honey?
5. The story of the 12 spies gives an example of leaders, who gave a bad report and died and some who gave a good report and lived. We believe in each circumstance we’re to choose a “stance” or a declaration of how we will see and respond. Can you come up with a good report of faith that you can declare about a present difficult or negative looking situation in your life?
6. Can you see an example of how your positive choices are going to affect the next generation? How do you want it to be said about the journey you took as a family? How do you want to decide that difficulty, delays, challenges, and even detours were handled in your “car”, as you as a family took the journey of life?
7. Is there some way the group could be praying for you as you face the present intersections of life? Do you need prayer for God to reroute a past failure or detour? What is one particularly powerful choice you need to make that you would like prayer, to be able to make faithfully?