
Read the sixth chapter from The Story (pgs 57-71) or Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25 & 27 and Deuteronomy 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-34 in one sitting. Consider doing the reflection questions on three separate days to put space between your learning and allow for better and deeper retention. If three separate reflection times aren't practical, you may choose to read and answer all three days' questions in one extended personal devotional time.

Day One

1. God was angry with Israel because they rejected Him and were longing for the very slavery from which He delivered them (page 58 or Numbers 11:1-23). What parallels can you make to how, in times of pain, you have been tempted to reject God and consider going back to your “Egypt?”

2. Leaders are subject to correction like anyone else, but when Miriam and Aaron had a problem with Moses, it turned out to be an issue of their pride, not his character (page 59 or Numbers 12:1-9). What lessons can you take away from Moses' example for leadership, humility, and dealing with opposition?

Day Two

1. When Joshua and Caleb gave their report about the land of Canaan, they spoke of both the opportunities and the dangers there. The other 10 spies had a more one-sided take (page 61 or Numbers 13:26-33). Why do you think the spies' view of themselves had such an impact on the action they recommended? How do you see that same dynamic operating in your own experience?

2. God's discipline of the nation's unbelief was severe (page 62–63 or Numbers 14:26-38), but justified; Moses' angry outburst also had dire consequences (page 63 or Numbers 20:2-12). While they didn't lose God, they lost the opportunity to enter the Promised Land. What opportunities have you lost through sin that you can never get back?

Day Three

1. Why did God caution His people about why He was establishing them in the land of Canaan (page 69 or Deuteronomy 8 & 9:1-6)?

2. In Moses' final speech (page 70 or Deuteronomy 29:2-29), he spoke of the free choice God gave the Israelites to obey Him and reap the benefits—or to disobey Him and reap the consequences. What parallels can you make to the opportunities and warnings God offers you?