

From Captivity to the Wilderness: “A Rebellious Heart”
Numbers 14:1-12
September 17, 2023

I. Ignoring God’s promises (Numbers 13:1-3; 27-33)

1. The promise was clearly stated. (vs 1-3)
2. The promise was clearly rejected. (vs 27-33)

II. Ignoring God’s plans (Numbers 14:1-4)

1. Riding the waves of doubt. (vs 1-3)

James 1:5-6
2. Those waves carry us further away from God. (vs 4)

III. Ignoring God’s authority (Numbers 14:5-10)

1. The dangers of distrust (vs 5-9)
2. The dangers of rejection (vs 10)

“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” Romans 7:15

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. What events led up to God’s decision to turn His people back into the wilderness for forty years?
2. In what different ways did the Israelites rebel against God? Give specifics aligning them with God’s promises, His plans, and His authority.
3. Joshua and Caleb thought the Israelites could take possession of the land of Canaan because “the Lord was with them.” Discuss why you believe Israel had to be reminded of that fact? What is the application for us?
4. Why do you believe the congregation of Israel wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb after they gave a very encouraging report about Canaan? What “idol of the heart” do you see in them?
5. There were 12 spies that were sent to the promised land. They all saw the same thing but came back with different observations. Discuss “why!”