



Bible study for the week starting March 13, 2022

## SHARE

What's something where you always have good intentions, but you lack follow-through?

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read Exodus 19:1-9. What did God say to the people, and what was their response? God's goal was that they would "believe forever." How did that go for them?
2. It's easy for us to look at Scripture with the benefit of hindsight and shake our heads at how quickly people forget important lessons God is teaching them. What important events have happened in your lifetime, and what lessons have you remembered or forgotten as time has passed?
3. Read Numbers 13:25-33 and 14:1-11. Out of all the people, Joshua and Caleb remembered the right lessons, despite the fear-inducing things they might have to face. What do you think made them different? How can we be more like that?
4. As Joshua took over for Moses, the people again said, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you" (Joshua 1:16-17a). First of all: did they really obey Moses? Second: would they really obey Joshua?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Eric said, "Faithfulness is not accidental." What systems can you put in your life to cultivate faithfulness as a response to God's faithfulness to you? Be specific. Why can these systems help?
6. Read Philippians 3:17-4:1. Paul is exhorting the people to stand firm and to imitate him. Who can you imitate as you try to be more like Joshua and Caleb and less like the other couple million people?
7. Read Matthew 21:28-32. Jesus tells an interesting parable of two sons. What is the lesson, and what can we learn for our own behavior?

## PRAY

8. As we observe a world in a bit of chaos, it is a reminder to turn to God in prayer for events that are out of our hands. Pray for those things, in submission and trust that God hears our prayers, has mercy, and has the power to work miracles.



## Promise and Delivery

Numbers 13:25-33, 14:1-11

March 13, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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10 Plagues + Red Sea Crossing + Mt. Sinai =

“All that the Lord has spoken we **WILL DO**” (Exodus 19:8).

Over-**PROMISE** and under-**DELIVER**

Caleb and Joshua **REMEMBERED** what they said at Mount Sinai.

40 years + Re-telling the Story =

“All that you have commanded us we **WILL DO**, and  
wherever you send us we **WILL GO**” (Joshua 1:16).

Faithfulness is not **ACCIDENTAL**.

“Nevertheless, not as I will, but as **YOU** will.” – Jesus (Matt. 26:39)

A **CLEAR** and **UNMISTAKEABLE** witness to Jesus.

Is your **MOUTH** writing checks your **FAITHFULNESS** can't cash?