

The Story: Chapter 6

Wandering

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MAIN SCRIPTURE: Numbers 13 and 14,
Deuteronomy 1

DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS:

1) **THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS
CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.**

2) **THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:**

Opening Discussion

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

Thought #1 – When God says JUMP...

Read Deuteronomy 1:22, NLT

“But you all came to me and said, ‘First, let’s send out scouts to explore the land for us. They will advise us...’”

The Lord was clear with the Israelites that it was time for them to confidently enter the promised land. And yet, they held back. Despite displaying His faithfulness time and time again, they let fear dictate their next steps.

Have you experienced an internal battle like this before? Have you allowed fear to override what you know to be true about God? Have you placed conditions on your obedience to The Lord?

Pastor Todd reminded us that like the Israelites, we can trust the faithfulness of God, even in the face of new or scary circumstances. That He is bigger than the giants we face.

Take time to share with your group the “giants” that you are facing in your life. How do they challenge what you know to be true about God? What is The Lord asking of you that you feel fearful of at this time?

Thought #2 – When fear sends a message...

Ready Deuteronomy 1:27, NLT

“The Lord must hate us. That is why he has brought us here from Egypt — to hand us over to the Amorites to be slaughtered. Where can we go? Our brothers have demoralized us with their report. They tell us, “The people of the land are taller and more powerful than we are, and their towns are

large, with walls rising high into the sky! We even saw giants there!”

Fear is quick to send us a message. And with that message, we can quickly forget all that God has done for us! Fear makes us lose sight of all we know and believe about God.

What messages did fear send the Israelites in this passage? (*Leaders: lies about who God is, distraction, hopelessness, distrust in the Lord, going their own way is better than God’s*)

Which of these messages resonate with you? Are there other messages that your fear sends you?

Pastor Todd reminded us that because of their lack of faith, the promised land was delayed for the children and lost forever for the parents. Moses himself was even barred from entering due to his lack of trust in God. The consequence was clear: The Israelites missed the blessings God had for them due to their lack of faith.

What consequences have you experienced from allowing fear to guide you? Have you seen a delay in the promise that God has given you? When faced with fear, how can you stick with God knowing He IS faithful? When the fear gets louder than God’s promise, what do you need to recall His faithfulness? What truth can you stand on when fear’s message gets loud?

Thought #3 – When faith and fear collide...

At the end of his sermon, Pastor Todd recalled times in his own life when fear made him want to run. Times that he wanted to tell God “NO!” These moments will likely happen for many of us again and again. However, the presence of fear does not have to mean an absence of faith.

“Giants” will continue to be present in your life, and you may still experience fear. It all comes down to where you will place your trust.

How will you choose faith when you find yourself volleying between faith and fear? Recalling God’s goodness is a great place to start. Together as a group, share where you have seen **ABUNDANCE**, **PROMISE**, and **PROVISION** from The Lord. How have you stepped out in faith in the past to find that God took care of those giants for you? How has your faithful obedience led to blessings in the past?

