

March 20th – When You Don't Walk in Faith

*“Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God, who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.”
(Deut. 1:32-33)*

The story of the nation of Israel is fascinating. Israel was born with a promise of God to a man named Abram. God promised to make his descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens and the sand on the shore. “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to Him for righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Taking God at His word, Abram moved his family and possessions to the land of Canaan. His lineage includes Isaac, Jacob (renamed Israel), and Joseph.

You might remember that Joseph found favor with Pharaoh after he was shipped to Egypt, but later something very tragic happened – “there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph” (Exo. 1:8). Consequently, the Israelites who lived in Egypt were enslaved for 400 years! And yet God delivered His people from their captivity through a man named Moses. Under Moses’ leadership, the Israelites escaped Egypt and made their way to the threshold of the Promised Land.

Standing on the threshold of greatness, the Israelites failed to believe God’s promise and refused to obey His command. Today’s verses are taken from Deuteronomy – an occasion where Moses reminded the children of Israel of their lack of faith and the consequence of their doubt (wondering the wilderness for 40 years). How about you friend? Do you really believe God is able to deliver on all He’s promised you (Eph. 3:20-21)? Choosing fear over faith will result in disastrous consequences!