

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 10-16-22
Christianity 101 – Message 26 Part 2
Israel's struggle with faith at Kadesh Barnea

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1)Waiting can be tough and depending on what you are waiting for –
 - a) Impatience is the enemy of obedience.
- 2)The idea of the spies – an act of faith or doubt?
- 3)Great story when thinking and learning about the difference of walking by faith or walking by sight.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1)Are we walking by faith or by our own sight?
- 2)If you look back over your life –
- 3)When is it the hardest for you to stay focused and walk by faith? Trials and Temptations
 - a) John 16:33 –
 - b) I Peter 1:6-8 –
- 4)Maybe we are more concerned with whether a situation ends in our favor rather than growth, while on the other hand it appears that God is more concerned that those situations end in us being transformed and discovering who He really is.
- 5)Moses recorded an important piece of information. Deuteronomy 1:19-21
 - a) Walking by sight is the enemy of walking by faith.
 - b) Walking by faith isn't always easy and sometimes the outcome isn't what we wanted.

2. First things first: Numbers 13 and Deut. 1

a. Seeing is believing or Believing is seeing?

- 1)Perspective is important here –
- 2)Decisions, whether small or great begin with:
 - a) A theology - What do I believe –
 - b) A perspective - What do I see –
- 3)So here is what is happening –
- 4)Are they walking into this land by faith or by sight?

b. Walking by faith or sight... does it really matter?

- 1)Evaluation of this forces you to look at indicators in your life that reveal the answer.

c. Some walking by faith indicators to me would include:

- 1)Knowing Him – knowing the one in whom you have placed your faith in.
 - a) In our everyday life –
 - b) Israel's problem may have been they knew more about idols than about God.
 - c) Application – some believers may have a similar problem –
 - d) Paul's example – Phil. 3:10
- 2)Acknowledging Him: Reveals a walk of faith!
 - a) If you believe God is always with you, do you acknowledge that?
 - b) A walk of faith includes a dialogue of acknowledgment.
 - c) Psalm 92:1; I Thess. 5:18
- 3)Pursuing Him – What is ahead!
 - a) What are the answers to the questions of your future?
 - b) The list of future questions ought to humble us to spend time with the Lord praying and seeking Him in these areas.

3. Today's Take Away:

- a. If you desire to walk by faith as a believer and want to evaluate your walk of faith, I encourage you to think over these 3 indicators and see where God finds you at this morning.
- 1) Do you know Him? Are you growing in this knowledge of Him?
 - 2) Do you acknowledge Him in all things?
 - 3) Do you pursue Him?