

Trust the GPS

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What happens when we stop trusting God's navigation and try to find our own way back to bondage?

I. THE GPS DEFINED (GOD'S POSITIONING SYSTEM)

Key Scripture: Numbers 14:1 "And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried; and the people wept that night."

The Analogy:

- Global Positioning System (GPS): Knows where you are and defines the best route to your destination.
- God's Positioning System (GPS): God places us in specific seasons of ministry, healing, and victory.

Key Insight: Sometimes the GPS takes you through a "wilderness" or a difficult neighborhood to bypass a fight you aren't ready for.

II. THE ISRAELITE ERROR: REJECTING THE COORDINATES

A. THE REPORT OF THE TEN

Numbers 14:2-4 - The people murmured against Moses and Aaron, wishing they had died in Egypt.

The Conflict: Ten spies saw giants and fortified cities; they saw themselves as "grasshoppers."

B. THE LONG WAY AROUND

Historical Context: The trip from Egypt to Canaan was roughly 200 miles (a 10-day journey).

Divine Redirection: God did not take them the straight route because they weren't ready to face the Philistines in war.

C. THE DESIRE FOR DE-EVOLUTION

The People's Cry: "Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt."

The Danger: Wanting to return to the very bondage God already delivered you from.

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CALCULATING YOUR OWN ROUTE

A. THE LOSS OF THE PROMISE

The Sentence: Because they lacked faith and disobeyed, that entire generation (except Caleb and Joshua) was destined to die in the wilderness.

Age Break: Those 20 years old and under were the only ones who would see the promise fulfilled.

B. THE DANGER OF "OUT-POSITIONING" YOURSELF

The Problem: You can walk out from under the protection of the blood through disobedience.

New Testament Connection: Treading upon the blood and making it have "none effect" by choosing your own will over God's.

C. THE "ALTERNATE ROUTE" REALITY

Modern Application: God detects "accidents" and "radar" ahead of us. He warns us to stop hanging out with certain people or to get back into the Word.

IV. GETTING BACK ON TRACK (PRACTICAL APPLICATION)

Daily Trust:

Do not lean on your own understanding; when we lead ourselves, we get into a mess.

Overcoming the Enemy's Detours:

- Recognize that the enemy uses family turmoil and distractions to keep you out of the House of God.
- YouTube and Facebook are tools, but they cannot replace being physically present in the sanctuary.

The Invitation:

You can always "re-route." God wants to position you for what is best for you and best for His Kingdom.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

Trusting the GPS means:

- Having faith when the route looks longer than expected.
- Refusing to go back to the "Egypt" of your past.
- Staying in position so God can fight your battles for you.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Are you currently trying to "appoint a captain" to lead you back to an old habit or mindset?
- In what ways has God redirected you recently to protect you from a fight you weren't ready for?

- Is your lack of "position" hindering the blessings God wants to pour out?
- What "giants" are making you feel like a grasshopper, and how can you shift your focus back to God's power?

Scripture References for Further Study: Numbers 14:1-35 | Exodus 13:17-18 | Joshua 6 (Jericho) | John 3:16 | Psalm 95:7-11