

L1.35: Joshua's Faithfulness in the Wilderness Numbers 13-14

Israel tested God over and over again while in the wilderness. They were constantly complaining and often refused to obey God. However, Joshua had a different attitude. When the Israelites reached the entrance to the promised land Moses selected one man from each tribe to secretly go into Canaan and spy out the land. Joshua was selected from the tribe of Ephraim. The twelve men were to report back on what they saw. Was the land truly flowing with milk and honey? Were there big walls around the cities? The Israelites waited expectantly to hear what the spies would say.

Discuss:

- Why was Joshua selected to be one of the spies?
- Did the spies find a truly rich land just as God had said? How did they describe it?
- Why did the spies demand that Moses take them back to Egypt?
- Of the twelve men sent to spy out the land of Canaan, only Joshua and Caleb brought back a good report. Why was their report different from the other men?



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 Joshua and Caleb were faithful to Sweet Publishing | God even when everyone else wanted to give up. How did God bless them for trusting in Him?

• God always blesses and rewards those who are faithful to Him. How can we show faithfulness to God?

Memory Challenge:

Numbers 14:6-7

But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land."