

Cornerstone Message Notes

A Promised Land (Numbers 13-14)

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" - part 6

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

After promising a nation to Abraham & then giving birth to it through Isaac, Jacob & Moses, God promises a land for His people in which to dwell.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Again & again & always, we can trust God to keep His word.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

As we press on through this series looking at some of the greatest stories in the Bible, we continue to see that it's people, not God, who always mess things up. Not wanting to bum you out with a sentence like that right from the top, but, it's the truth. We in our fallenness continue to wander from & sometimes totally miss God's ways.

If nothing else, this story of God telling His people what their land would be reminds us that people need a place to call home & a land to call their own. It's a preview of the perfect promised land we know to be heaven. It's a reminder too of the perfect place they were in before the fall happened in Genesis chapter three.

I trust that God will this story in your life & mine today. I am confident that as we learn more about Him & us, it will move us forward in our walk with & impact upon the world in which we live. May both keep happening more & more :-)

The Story of the Promised Land Tells Us that ...

1. sometimes GOD is VERY SPECIFIC.

God gave a specific place with specific boundaries to His people in which to live.

Numbers 13:1-25

2. once again, we MESS THINGS UP when we see only OBSTACLES rather than OPPORTUNITIES especially as it PERTAINS to OBEDIENCE.

While God's ways are always perfect, our follow-through always isn't.

Numbers 13:26-33

3. REBELLION never ENDS WELL for those who REBEL.

Don't be deceived, God is not mocked. We reap what we sow.

Numbers 14 / Galatians 6:7

Making It Real Questions

- 1] Can you clearly see that sometimes God is very specific?
- 2] How clear are you on this?
- 3] Is it clear to you that rebellion is always a pathetic option?

Action Step

Ask God to show you anything in your life not in line with His perfect will. You will need your Bible for this. Start with Romans 12:1-2.