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## Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Think of someone you trust unconditionally. What characteristics does this person possess that fosters unconditional trust?

## Dig Deep

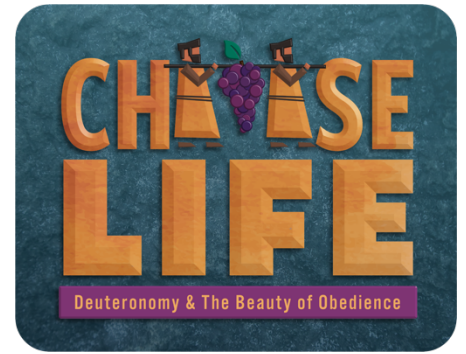
### Read Deuteronomy 1:26-36

<sup>26</sup> But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. <sup>27</sup> You grumbled in your tents and said, "The LORD hates us; so, he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. <sup>28</sup> Where can we go? Our brothers have made our hearts melt in fear. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'" <sup>29</sup> Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. <sup>30</sup> The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, <sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." <sup>32</sup> In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, <sup>33</sup> who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go. <sup>34</sup> When the LORD heard what you said, he was angry and solemnly swore: <sup>35</sup> "No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, <sup>36</sup> except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the LORD wholeheartedly."

- Why didn't Israel take the land (vs.26-28)? Were their fears valid? Why or why not?
- What case is made to build and encourage trust in God (vs. 29-33)?
- Why is the Lord so angry, even at Moses, and why was an exception made for Caleb and Joshua (vs. 34-36, 38)?

## Do Big

- What are some tangible ways we can build our heart muscles for gratitude this week?
- When our gratitude muscles are strong, trust follows. How can we continue to cultivate trust in God this week?



## Leaders

Read all of Deuteronomy 1 for context.

### Background:

The Anakites were early inhabitants of Canaan described as "giants" (Deut. 2:10, 21; 9:2; Numbers 13:32-33)

### Key Thoughts

The more I am grateful for God's provisions of the past, the more I can trust Him in my future.

Obedience is a natural response to trust.

### Memory verses for this week:

"They forgot what He had done, the wonders He had shown them...They did not remember His power-the day He redeemed them from the oppressor,"

**Psalm 78:11, 42**

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

**Ephesians 4:29**