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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

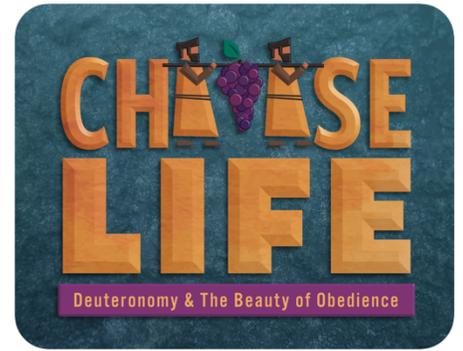
Read Deuteronomy 1:26-36

²⁶ But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.'" ²⁹ Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. ³⁰ The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹ 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." ³² In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, ³³ 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. ³⁴ When the LORD heard what you said, he was angry and solemnly swore: ³⁵ "No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, ³⁶ 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