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Shabbat Message

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Numbers 13:1-15:41

My Way or Yah's Way

Faith in The Wilderness

Introduction

Numbers 14 stands as a powerful testament about the power of faith in God. Despite the Israelites' flagrant disobedience and lack of faith in the wilderness after leaving Egypt, God's mercy and love prevail through the faith of Joshua and Caleb. The chapter can be studied through various themes, each revealing God's character and the significance of faith in Him.

Unbelief and Rebellion

Numbers 14:1-4

1. The Israelites, scared by the report of the spies about the inhabitants of Canaan, rebelled against Moses and suggested returning to Egypt.
2. Unbelief and Rebellion are contrasted with the faithfulness of Joshua and Caleb in verses 6-9.
3. This is a reminder of Hebrews 3:12 warning us against an unbelieving heart that turns from Elohim.

Intercession and Mercy

Numbers 14:5-20

1. Moses intercedes from the people, reminding Elohim of his Promise to Abraham in (Genesis 12:2-3).
2. This also shows Elohim's glory, and His character of forgiveness in (Exodus 34:6-7).
3. Elohim in His mercy pardons the people but declares that they will not enter the Promised Land because of their unbelief. (Psalms 106:24-27).

Faithfulness Rewarded

Numbers 14:21-24

1. Despite the people's failure, Elohim is faithful to His Word, and His glory will fill the earth.
2. Caleb, who wholly followed Yehovah, is promised an inheritance in Canaan (Joshua 14:6-14).
3. This emphasizes to fully and wholly trust in Yehovah. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Consequences of Disobedience

Numbers 14:26-45

1. The Israelites suffer the consequences of their disobedience.
2. they spent 40 years in the wilderness and experiencing defeat in their presumptuous advantage against the Canaanites (Deuteronomy 1:41-45).
3. This also speaks of the significance of obedience in Trusting fully in Yehovah. (Isaiah 1:19-20).

Trust in Yehovah

Numbers 14 Continued

1. Numbers 14 presents a powerful lesson on faith and reliance on Yehovah.
2. It demonstrates Elohim's mercy and faithfulness against a backdrop of human unbelief and rebellion.
3. It underscores that rebellion against God leads to adversity, while faith and obedience

usher in divine blessings. This narrative is a reminder for believers to trust wholly in God, just like Caleb, despite challenging circumstances.

Take Away

1. Yehovah commands us to be obedient or we can wander in the wilderness.
2. Unbelief is equivalent to the sin of apostasy.
3. We have a choice that we can Trust Yehovah or not.

Application

1. Today I will choose not to wander in the wilderness but go where Yehovah wants me to go.
2. I will trust Yehovah no matter what even if life gets hard and I don't understand.
3. I will lean into Yehovah's Mercy and continue to focus on my half with Him.

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