

Searching for God

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES



This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.



They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land.



They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it **does** flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.



The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”



Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, *“We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”*



But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.



They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there.



*We seemed like grasshoppers in our **own eyes**, and we looked the same to them.”*

Numbers 13:26-33



THE MOMENT OF TRUTH



Those who fear the future...

will glorify the past (*bondage*)

will devalue themselves (*slaves*)

will ignore hope (*savior*)



The whole community was in an uproar, wailing all night long. All the People of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The entire community was in on it: “Why didn’t we die in Egypt? Or in this wilderness?”



Why has GOD brought us to this country to kill us? Our wives and children are about to become plunder. Why don't we just head back to Egypt?" Soon they were all saying it to one another: "Let's pick a new leader; let's head back to Egypt." Numbers 14:1-4



Life is made up of

CHALLENGES that grow us,
CHANGES that move us, and
CHOICES that define us.



THEIR HISTORY IS OUR FUTURE



"For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.



They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.



"Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: *"The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry."*



We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did-- and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did-- and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did-- and were killed by the destroying angel.



"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)



LEARN FROM THE PAST

Don't be IGNORANT

“Everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” Romans 15:4



LIVE IN THE PRESENT

God is more interested in your INTEGRITY than in your image

*“People may doubt what you say,
but they will always believe what you do!”*



LEAD INTO THE FUTURE

The WORD

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.” John 8:31



LEAD INTO THE FUTURE

The WORD - The HOLY SPIRIT

“When the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”

John 16:13



LEAD INTO THE FUTURE

The WORD - The HOLY SPIRIT - The CHURCH

“Equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12-13



Remember every road that God led you on for those forty years in the wilderness, pushing you to your limits, testing you so that he would know what you were made of, whether you would keep his commandments or not. He put you through hard times. He made you go hungry.



Then he fed you with manna, something neither you nor your parents knew anything about, so you would learn that men and women don't live by bread only; we live by every word that comes from GOD's mouth.



Your clothes didn't wear out and your feet didn't blister those forty years. You learned deep in your heart that GOD disciplines you in the same ways a father disciplines his child. Deuteronomy 8:2 MSG

