

THE Story

Lesson 12 Chapter 6 Wandering p.71-78

1. Pages 71-73 describe several examples of the people grumbling and complaining.

What do you think was the root cause of most of their problems?

How can Christians today be like this? Give an example of how we can fall into this pattern if we are not careful.

How did God respond to the people's spirit of discontentment and lack of faith?

2. From the bottom of page 73 through page 74 we find Moses dealing with criticism from his own sister and brother. On the bottom of page 73 Moses is described as "a very humble man, more humble than anyone else of the face of the earth." In some translations, it reads, "Moses was very MEEK...."

The word translated "humble" or "meek" implies not being concerned for his own interest or prestige and so able to pay no attention to the unfair attacks upon himself.

Processing criticism, both constructive and destructive criticism, truly represents one of life's greatest challenges. What significant lessons do we learn from Moses as he successfully met this very real and very personal challenge?

3. From the bottom of page 74 through the top of page 78 we read about the turning point of their journey to the promised land. Ten of the men who spied out the land let their minds and eyes focus on the obstacles. What are some ways we can be frozen by fear and fixate on the obstacles rather than the God who can help us overcome them as Caleb and Joshua did?

4. On the middle of page 76 we read how God was ready to destroy his unbelieving people and build a new nation from Moses. What impresses you about the way Moses interceded before God for his people?

What can we learn from Moses' prayer, especially governing motives and grounds of appeal to God?

5. Although forgiven, the people suffered the consequences of their sin. All through this portion of THE STORY, God disciplines the people (sometimes quite strongly) to get them back on course. What are the values of being disciplined by one who loves us and wants the best for us?

6. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace