

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Numbers 20: 1-13

“Less than Your Best” (Moses Disobeys)

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Aim's - - - Students Should Know That:

1. After 37 years in the wilderness; with a new chance to enter the Promised Land, the next generation of Israelites had not learned their lesson about trusting God, repeated the rebellious actions of their parents, and continued complaining to Moses and Aaron.
2. During times of crisis leaders should go to God for guidance and assistance; and pray for the people continuously, like Moses and Aaron did.
3. Moses disobeyed God's instructions out of anger and frustration (he hit the rock with his staff and did not speak to it as he was told); and "...failed to honor God as holy and robbed Him of His glory."
4. Moses and Aaron were punished for their failure to obey all of God's instructions and were not allowed to lead the people into the Promised Land, because of their unbelief and lack of trust (Aaron was punished because he was silent and did not intervene and stop Moses).

Discussion Topics:

- Why is partial obedience considered disobedience; and why is it important to follow all instructions, especially from God?
- What does it mean to be accountable for one's actions?
- Knowing that the consequences for our disobedience can also be negative to the people connected to us, what does this suggest about those in leadership positions?
- Many people take credit for personal success, but why is it important to give God the glory?

Biblical Journey:

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| I. Knocking at the Door Again | Numbers 20: 1 |
| II. Old Habits Die Hard | Numbers 20: 2-5 |
| III. Facedown before the Lord Again | Numbers 20: 6-8 |
| IV. Following Instructions | Numbers 20: 9-11 |
| V. The Consequences of Your Actions | Numbers 20: 12-13 |

Q & A

1. *“How many years did the Israelites wander in the desert?”*

2. *What was the complaint of the people when they returned to the edge of the Promised Land?*

3. *What were God's instructions to Moses and Aaron?*

4. *What was the consequence of Moses and Aaron's disobedience to God?*

5. *What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?*

I learned that:

Leaders must not get so emotional, frustrated and angry that they lose their spiritual focus; and they must continue to believe and trust in God; they must continually pray for the people they serve (even the complainers); and they must remember to always **give God the glory!**

I'm reminded that **“partial obedience is still disobedience.”**