

Numbers 13-15 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. According to Num 14:11-19 what did God propose (v11-12) and how did Moses deal with this (v13-16, 17-19)? How can we follow this example?

5. Using 14:20-25 what was the Lord's response (v20) and His judgment (v21, 22-23)? Who would be treated differently and why (v24)? What did He then tell them to do (v25)?

6. Looking at 14:26-38 who were the recipients of God's judgment and why (v26-27)? What would it be (29-30, 31, 32-35) and what else occurred (v36-38)? Apply.

7. Based on 14:39-45 what was the twofold reaction of the people (v39, 40) and how did Moses respond (v41-43)? What did they do anyway (v44) and what was the result (v45)?

8. From 15:1-21 what was to be offered with each animal sacrifice (v1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-10, 11-13) and who was to participate (v14-16)? What was their first offering in Canaan to be (v17-21)? Why?

9. Using 15:22-31 what was the offering for "unintentional" sin (v22-24, 25-26, 27-29)? What was to be done to the one who sinned on purpose (v30-31)? Apply.

10. In 15:32-41 what sin occurred (v32-34) and what was God's judgment (v35-36)? Why do you think it was so severe? What else did God tell them to do and why (v37-41)?

11. Looking back at Num 13-15 describe the perspective of each of these—the spies, Israel, Joshua and Caleb, Moses, and the Lord. What made the difference and what should we learn from this?

Scripture to Remember

"Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be on him."

Numbers 15:31 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Faith That Overcomes Obstacles (Heb 11:30)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about the greatest physical challenge you ever faced. How did you do?
2. Read Heb 11:30. What obstacle faced Israel? How did God prepare them to overcome this obstacle (Josh 5:13-15)? Why did they have to "worship before they won"?
3. What does it mean to seek the face of God and not just His hand? How does this relate to being "overcome by the author of faith" and why is this vital?
4. Why is *specific* obedience so critical to God's victory in your life? Explain the statement, "Partial obedience is disobedience". How does that apply in your life?
5. Discuss what the risks of disobedience (ridicule, results, and release) are. Which one do you typically avoid and why?
6. Why do you think God values persistent obedience so much? How do you do it?
7. Talk about how to confess the Lord's victory in advance with a sincere (rather than phony) heart.
8. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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A Popeye Moment

Introduction to Numbers 13-15

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Just before cartoon muscleman, Popeye, would eat his can of spinach he would say, “I’ve had all I can stands, and I can’t stands no more”. His “Popeye moment” would come when he reached his limit, causing him to spring into action and resolve the problem. In this week’s study God finally had His “Popeye moment” with Israel. When they came back with a negative report about the Promised Land God had had all He could stand, so He dealt decisively with Israel. The report of the spies was actually “good news-bad news”. They all admitted that that land was bountiful, as evidenced by the huge grapes they brought back. However, ten of the twelve said that the giants in the land would be impossible to overcome because they were like grasshoppers in

their sight. Caleb and Joshua, though, believed God’s promise and proposed that they immediately go up to possess the land. All Israel sided with the ten, weeping and grumbling against Moses and God all night long. When Caleb and Joshua repeated their call to go up they decided to stone them. At that point God’s glory appeared and He told Moses He was going to erase Israel and start over with him. In the face of this Moses began groveling before the Lord. He reminded Him that the world was watching and they would see this as God’s inability to fulfill His promise. He asked that they be forgiven, which God did. However, He also told him that He would destroy that generation and that only their children would go into Canaan. Furthermore, He immediately killed the ten spies with the



Unbelief can cost God’s kingdom an entire generation.

bad report. Israel reacted by trying to go up on their own, contrary to Moses’ word, and were soundly defeated. After this incident God gave them more instructions for going forward. He told them to add grain offerings and libations to the various sacrifices and to offer a sacrifice of grain when they first ate of the food of the land of Canaan. He told them about sacrifices for unintentional sin, but also decreed death for those committing purposeful sin. As an example a sabbath-breaker was executed. God had finally reached His “Popeye moment”.

Daily Study Questions for Numbers 13-15

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.thehospitalchurch.com, small groups, abf)

1. Look at Num 13:1-24. What did God tell Moses to do (v1-2)? What were Moses’ instructions (v17-18, 19-20) and what were 2 notable discoveries (v21-22, 23-24)?	
2. Read 13:25-33. What good news (v25-27) and bad news (v28-29) did ten of the spies report? What did Caleb say (v30) and what was the response (v31-32)? What was the real problem (v33)?	
3. Using 14:1-10 how did Israel react (v1-2, 4) and who did they blame (v2, 3)? How did Moses, Aaron Joshua, and Caleb respond (v5-6), what did Joshua and Caleb say (v7-9) and how was it received (v10)?	

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