

## Chapter 6

## Wandering

## Day One – Ingratitude

**Today's reading:** Page 71 through break on page 73

**This reading covers:** Numbers 10-12

**Summary:** God's people continually complain about their circumstances.

**Consider this:**

The Israelites complained about the food, the journey, the lack of water. Miriam and Aaron complained about Moses and his Cushite wife. Now it is time to deal with your own complaints. Do they have to do with lack of possessions? Place of residence or work? Other people? Circumstances? What was God's reaction to the Israelites' complaints? What can you do to eliminate the complaints in your life?

**For further reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-12; Hebrews 13:5-6

**Prayer:**

Thank you, Lord, for all you have given me: the blessings, because they are more than I ever could have imagined, and the afflictions, because they are less than I deserve. They have brought me closer to you. Whenever I start to complain, bring to my mind the example of the Israelites. Help me to be grateful in all situations and to bring honor to your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Day Two – Rebellion

**Today's reading:** Break on page 73 through middle of page 83

**This reading covers:** Numbers 13-25

**Summary:** God's people refuse to enter the Promised Land.

**Consider this:**

Sometimes we get ahead of God, as Abraham did when he decided to have a child with Hagar instead of waiting for the son God had promised through Sarah. Sometimes we lag behind God, like the Israelites did when they refused to enter the Promised Land because they were afraid. They chose to believe the negative report rather than the good news given by Joshua and Caleb. So, whether we get ahead of God or behind Him, the reason is still the same; lack of faith.

Consider a time when you missed God's blessing because you doubted his word. Perhaps you are standing at a crossroads right now. If God is calling you to move, what's the delay?

**For further reading:** Hebrews 11

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, help me to see the path you want me to take. Let me not move too quickly or too slowly, but show me how to be always in your will. Help me to step ahead with boldness. Increase my faith so that I will not doubt but will trust you with every step. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Day Three – Moses' Final Days**

**Today's reading:** Middle of page 83 through end of chapter

**This reading covers:** Numbers 27 and Deuteronomy 1-34

**Summary:** Moses reminds the people of what is before them; the choice of life or death.

**Consider this:**

Are you up to the challenge? As you stand at the threshold, can you step ahead with confidence? Can you envision the blessing that awaits you on the other side? One of God's greatest reminders appears many times in Scripture. He focuses on the main reason we hesitate. Fear. He repeats over and over again in Scripture, "Fear not."

**For further reading:** Numbers 14:1-9; Hebrews 10:35-39

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, fear is my greatest enemy right now. It comes from within. That is where you must work within me, to eliminate fear and to instill a boldness that will move me to obey you, no matter what the cost. Deal mercifully with me, Lord, as I choose to obey you. Pave the way. Make my paths straight. Grant me the assurance I need to continue on. In Jesus' name, Amen.