

## Weekly Devotional

\*Material taken from "The Story" curriculum by Randy Frazee with Kevin and Sherry Harney.

### *Session 6 – Wanderings*

"Then Moses entreated the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does Your anger burn against Your people who, You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?" Exodus 32:11

God's plan was clear: deliver His people through a series of miracles, defeat their enemies, give them a covenant and set of laws to make them a chosen nation, and provide them a land of promise. Simple, right? God speaks, the people listen. God delivers, the people believe. God provides, the people trust. Well, maybe not so much.

The wilderness wanderings remind us that faith leads to life and unbelief leads to death. Faith honors God and God always honors the faithful.

Read Ch. 6 in The Story book or in your Bible: **Numbers** 10:11-13; 11:1-16a, 18-23, 31-34; 12:1-16; 13:1-2, 17-21, 23, 25-28, 30-33; 14:1-35; 20:1-13, 22-29; 21:1-9, 21-26, 31-35; 25:1-13; 27:12-20, 22-23; **Deuteronomy** 1:1a; 2:7; 4:32-40; 6:4-7; 8:1-5; 9:1-6; 29:2-6; 30:11-20; 31:7-8; 32:48-52; and 34:1-8, 10-12.

### **Think on these questions:**

1. What does this passage tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What does this passage tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What does this passage tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

### **Closing Prayer:**

*As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:*

- Thank God for his loving discipline and invite him to help you stay on his course for your life.
- Confess where you have wandered from God's plan for your life and ask him to help you recalculate.
- Pray for a mature heart and spirit that does not complain, grumble, and whine when things do not go your way.

### **Personal Action:**

One of the best things we can do is listen to people of wisdom and faith. Find one or two wise men or women of faith that know you well and ask for their insight and perspective on your life. Share how you are seeking to follow God and where you feel you are wandering off course. Invite their wisdom and prayerfully listen to them.