

Road Trip

# THE STORY

Chapter 6

Wandering

**1. Why were God's people forced out into the desert and made to wander?**

- **Sin**
- **Lack of Trust**
- **Unwilling to follow**
- **That the generation would not go in**

2. What do the following mean:

- **Prophet –**
- **A spokesman for God**
- **Judges –**
- **A one called of God to lead His people**
- **To decide**
- **Consecrate –**
- **To set apart - normally for and to God**

**3. What were the 2 differing reports after the 40 day recon in the promise land?**

- 10 → We are nat able**
- 2 → Let's go**

**4. Why was Moses not allowed to lead the people into the Promise Land?**

- **Sin**
- **Lack of Trust**
- **A moment of humanness**
- **He struck the rock in anger**

5. What does Philippians 2. 12-18 say about complaining?

**“<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. <sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup> as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup> So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”**

**6. What was Aaron and Miriam's sin and what were the consequences of that sin?**

- **Talked against Moses**
- **He'd married an Ethiopian**
- **She was rebellious**

## **7. Why did God direct that the 12 spies should be sent into the Promised Land?**

- **Obedience to God**
- **A test of faith**
- **Fruits that were brot back – wow!**
- **He asked the spies to gather intel about:**
- **whether the people who lived there were strong or weak, few or many (Numbers 13:18)**
- **whether the land was good or bad (Numbers 13:19)**
- **whether the cities were camps or strongholds**
- **whether the land was rich or poor (Numbers 13:20)**
- **whether or not there were forests there**

**8. Near the end of Moses' life he explains what is really at stake - [Dt 30. 11-20]**

**“<sup>11</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” <sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. <sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”**

- **The Upper Story**

- **The Lower Story**

God's deliverance of His people was  
astonishing **Supernatural plagues**

**Miraculous rescue thru the Red Sea**

**A cloud by day and a pillar of fire  
by night**

**Water from the rock**

**Bread from heaven → → →**

**Freedom**

But

# Israel Complains – Nu 11 - 12

- Hardships on the trip
- The food – It's the same –  
everyday
- The leader – Moses
  - Aaron & Miriam can do better

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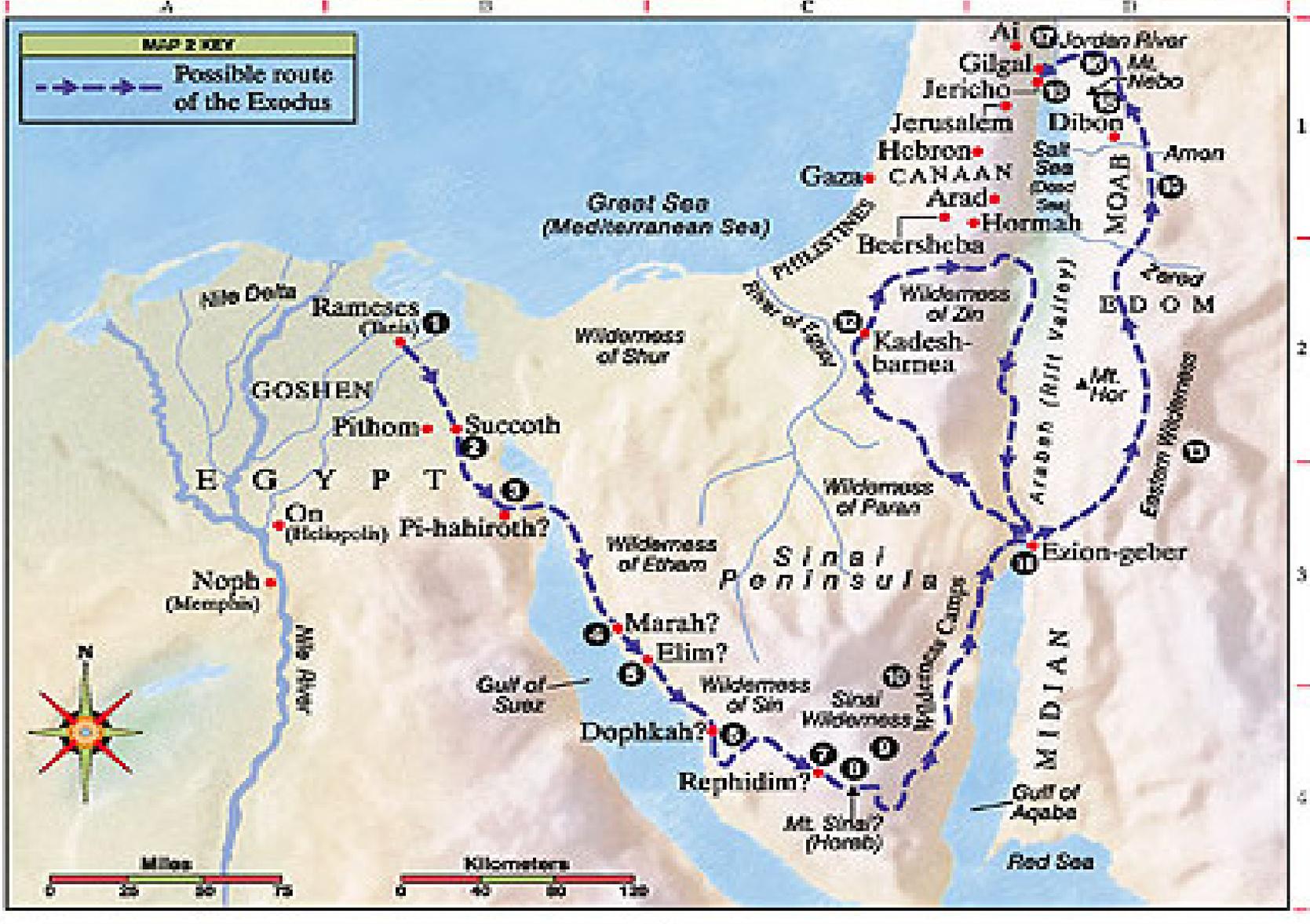
**THE WRONG TURN  
AT  
KADESH-BARNEA**

# The 12 Spies

- 1 from each tribe = 12
  - 10 say – ‘You should see those giants!’
    - “We cannot take that land”
  - 2 say – ‘You should see those grapes’
    - **Because God is with us**  
**we can take that land**

# ISRAEL'S EXODUS FROM EGYPT AND ENTRY INTO CANAAN

MAP 2



## Numbers 14. 28-34

*“<sup>28</sup> So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: <sup>29</sup> In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. <sup>30</sup> Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. <sup>31</sup> As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. <sup>32</sup> But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup> Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup> For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’”*

Lack of trust  
causes  
40 year  
detour

Children are  
punished for the  
sins of their  
parents

**After 40 years**

**The Israelites**

**Will end up**

**Where they started**

**Kadesh-Barnea**

**Disobedience = Wandering in the wilderness**

# At the Entrance to Promised Land

- **Even Moses failed to trust God**
- **Moses punishment - see but not go**
  - **Is it fair?**
- **Moses final charge to the people**
  - **Fresh opportunity – trust & Obey**
  - **God is with you - follow Him**

# Chapter 6 – The Story

## Man's Confrontation with God

God confronts our desire for the familiar

- *Israel wanted God to fix problem without making them change their life*
- *Israel cried out – God heard & delivered*
  - *Not what the people expected or asked for*
- *Desired comfort – Made uncomfortable*
- *Too uncertain to face freedom in God*

In our Story today

Joshua & Caleb will enter the promised land

But after 40 years of wandering

There is still grumbling

From who???

The children of those who whined for 40 years!

**What is the legacy  
being passed on to our  
children and future  
generations?**

**Is it a Legacy of**

**FEAR???**

2 times Jesus asks people to follow Him

And

Both times they have earthly excuses

Both times they desire to tend to past issues

What happens when you plow a field looking back?

You plow a crooked field.

When we do this to our children

We are literally passing on to them

**our baggage.**

**Jesus said to focus on where we  
are going!**

**Even if it is**

**Uncomfortable**

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## Man's Confrontation with God

- **Myriad of Leadership Books**
- **What motivates a leader?**
  - **\$\$\$\$\$\$**
  - **Fame**
  - **Position**
  - **Power**

# Six Leadership Principles From Moses

- **Justice is not the leaders responsibility**
- **Lead in the role that God gave you**
- **Let God do the defending**
- **The collective & conventional wisdom is often wrong**
- **For leaders - Gods expectations go up**
- **Moses saw the necessity for succession planning**

**The Christian life is a road trip**

**&**

**God wants to lead all of the way**

**He wants for us to reach the final destination**

**But also**

**To enjoy the journey**

**God will have**

**His way**

**and the**

**Last say!**