

DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF THE WAY

Numbers 21:1-10

Revealing truths about the heart:

- **THE _____ OF DISCOURAGEMENT**
 - “*and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way*” (Numbers 21:4b)
 - “Discouragement” means a “_____ of enthusiasm... A _____ of heart... of having run out of _____.”
 - “What was it that brought on their discouragement?” “...the soul of the people was much discouraged BECAUSE OF THE WAY...”
 - “the way” that’s being referred to... is the path that they are taking... it’s the literally road that they are on... and it’s yet another _____ away from the Land of Promise.
 - Not only was there a detour... **there was** _____. They’re in the wilderness! Comfort is in the Promised Land. They won’t trust God. Trusting God brings them into Canaan. *Unbelief continues them on their wilderness journey.*
 - Detour and discomfort... led directly to _____.
 - **Application**
 - We need to keep our eyes focused on Jesus Christ. We need to keep our minds centered on spiritual things. ‘Cause if we don’t... we’ll get discouraged... because of the way.
- **THE _____ OF DISCOURAGEMENT (Numbers 21:5 - 39 1/2 years later... you’d think they’d have realized... God nor Moses... had brought them out to kill them.)**
 - To _____ About Everything.
 - To _____ The Provision Of God.
 - To _____ The Problem.
 - To Begin To _____ The Very Things... That At One Time Thrilled Our Soul.
- **GOD’S _____ TOWARD THEIR DISCOURAGEMENT (Numbers 21:6)**
 - God gets their attention {and pain get’s our attention} doesn’t it?
 - **Numbers 21:7 - “We’ve sinned!”**
 - It’s not because God’s not provided... it’s not because the Edomites have turned against us... it not that there’s no water or bread... it’s not that others have failed and been a heartache to us... **THE PROBLEM IS US!**
- **GOD’S _____ FOR DISCOURAGEMENT (Numbers 21:8-9)**
 - Look to Christ.
 - “*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*” (Hebrews 4:14-16).
- **Conclusion**
 - Because of who Christ is... and because of what Christ has done... Let’s refuse to live life discouraged.
 - *God’s remedy for discouragement... is looking up to and lifting up _____.* “*And the Children of Israel SET FORWARD...*” (Numbers 21:10)