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1. Read Numbers 13 to familiarize yourself with the story described in Deut. 1:19-46.
2. Notice the heart of the passage in vv25-26. What seems to be missing in comparison to the Numbers account? What was Moses trying to focus on by editing the spies report from Numbers 13&14? Where does the culpability seem to be focused in the version here in Deuteronomy?
3. The topic of faith is at the heart of this passage. The command is given:(v. 8,21), the promise of God's presence is affirmed, but they were challenged to believe God' assessment of the situation or believe their own assessment. The conflict set up by this passage is one between faith and sight. See Heb.11:3. How does this principle apply to the many times we are tempted to do our own thing? How does faith keep us from sin? See 1 Corinthians 10:13. (Look at context, ie.1-12)
4. Describe the people's complaint in vv.27&28. Who do they blame? How do they malign the character of God in v.27? Was it really the spies fault as suggested by v.28? How does this account seem to differ with Numbers 13:30? Why?
5. How is the people's response similar to how we deal with sin and failure to trust God? Consider Genesis 3: 11-13.
6. Note Moses' response to the people's complaint in v.29-33. How many times does the name of God appear? What three things does Moses say about God that should help the people trust Him to enter the land?
7. How does knowing God help us in our struggle with unbelief? How do we come to know Him better? See John 17:3. See Deut. 4:39
8. What were the consequences to Israel's sin described in vv.34&35? Does this mean the people who died in the wilderness were eternally lost? The book of Hebrews was written to Christians to encourage them to persevere in their faith amid persecution. Read Hebrews 3:12-14. How does the theme of persevering relate to the disobedience of Israel so soon after having been delivered out of Egypt?
9. Who were the three exceptions described in vv. 36-39 and why?

RESPONSE

Have there been times when you have been challenged to believe without seeing?

Read Hebrews 3:13 again. What is one way we can avoid starting well but not finishing?

What new commitment will you may this week to fellowship and encouraging fellow believers to persevere?

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