

Deuteronomy: Living as God's Covenant People  
Israel's Disobedience  
Deuteronomy 1:19-46

We have all had moments where we second guess a decision we have made. We have conversations where, in hindsight, we think about all the things we should have said or all the ways we should have responded. We think of ways that we should have pressed our case further, words that probably should have remained unsaid, and emotions that should have remained in check.

1. God will not lead us where His grace cannot keep us.
2. God will not bless hardened hearts of unbelief.
3. God will not give us victory apart from His power.

God wanted His people to be blessed in the Promised Land. He wants us to be blessed in the kingdom He is preparing. But He also needs us to understand that we can only enter by His grace and on His terms. The good news of the gospel is that even in our weakness, God makes us strong. Even when we fail, His grace remains. The key to success that has eternal significance is to, as the old hymn says, trust and obey.

#### Reflection

Take a few minutes to read and mediate on Proverbs 3:5-6. What does it look like for you to really trust in the Lord with all your heart? Consider those times when you have failed to trust God and think about the outcomes of those times, how things might have been different if you would have listened to the wise counsel of the Holy Spirit. Take a few minutes to remember the goodness of God in your life and how He has providentially directed your paths for your good and for His glory. Take some time to repent for those times when you failed to trust Him. Then, take some time to thank Him for those times when for His grace prevailed and empowered your trust and obedience in Him.