

Becoming Fathers of Faith by Leading Towards God

(Numbers 13-14)

THE BACKGROUND:

- 12 Spies Are Sent (13:2-3; 18-20)
- 12 Spies Return & Report (13:25-33)
- The Congregation Cries (14:1)
- The Congregation Complains (14:2-3)
- The Congregation Conspires to Return (14:4)
- The Congregation Conspires to Stone Joshua & Caleb (14:10)

6 PRINCIPLES:

1. Understand the Impact of Your Words

- Spies --> Husbands/Fathers [--> Wives / Children]
- Discouragement (14:1-3)
- Disobedience (14:4,10)

2. Realize the Danger of Leading Poorly

- Lost opportunity without recourse (14:22-23; 40-45)
- 40 years of wasted life for a nation (14:33)
- Death for some leaders (14:36-37)

3. Avoid Using Your Family as an Excuse to Disobey God (14:3;31)

- Not the process of seeking to make godly decisions
- But refusing the clear commands of God

4. Recognize & Acknowledge God's Greatness and Goodness (14:22)

5. Trust God, Even If You Cannot Grasp His Plan (14:22)

6. Lead Towards God in Your Responses (13:30; 14:8-9)

- Lead towards God by your words
- Lead towards God by your responses to bad circumstances