



THE STORY

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THE STORY **PART 6** **"WANDERING"**

Introduction: After the Mount Sinai experience, Moses started leading the Israelites to the Promised Land. They grumbled and complained a lot. When they arrived they were afraid to take possession of the land because of its huge inhabitants. So they complained and blamed some more. Then God sent them back out into the desert. He wanted the Israelites to have the Promised Land, but he also wanted them to be grateful people who trusted Him. So he gave them (a lot of) time to figure it out.

Text: *The Story*: Chapter 6; **Scripture:** Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27

Main Idea: God cares just as much about whom we are becoming as where we are going.

Discussion Questions*:

1. Icebreaker: What's your favorite food? What lengths are you willing to go to get it?
2. The Israelites complained about their situation and blamed Moses. When in life are you most tempted to complain and blame? Who do blame? To whom do you complain?
3. Describe a time when you felt God wanted you to do something, but you *didn't* do it. What was the experience? What was the result?
4. Have you ever felt as if you were "wandering in the wilderness" — spiritually or emotionally? Explain.*
5. Describe a time when you felt God wanted you to do something and you *did* it. What was the experience? How did it feel to follow through with what God wanted?
6. How can we use past experiences of obedience to help us obey now and in the future?
7. The Israelites let fear, complaining, and blame interfere with God's work in their midst. What can you do to ensure those things don't interfere with God's work in *your* life?

Prayer: Thank God for the *ultimate* destination in Christ—Heaven. Ask Jesus for the grace to "walk" to that destination with grateful hearts; not being fearful, complaining, or blaming others for the challenges we have along the way.

* Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, "Discussion Questions" in *The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011), 475-76.