

Series: Our Journey Home
Message: Our Disappointment with God
Text: Numbers 14:10-24 (AM 9/20/09)

Most of us have tasted *the bitter pill*. It's hard to swallow and leaves a terrible taste in our mouths. You feel that you've served God faithfully. You've seen the Lord work in others' lives and experienced Him working in yours. However, you've come to a *critical crossroads*. You need God to show up. You feel you've prayed diligently, yet the outcome you sought remains illusive. You are *disappointed* with God. Your *relationship* with Him is marred with this memory. Your faith *walk* is mired in mediocrity.

Our Heavenly Father knew we would experience *detours of disappointment* on our faith Journey. To help us get back on track He's given us Kadesh. Kadesh represents *Israel's struggle with disappointment* with God after settling to peer from the perimeter into the Promise Land. Let's discover how to *dismantle disappointment* in our lives.

Disappointments *Pattern of Pain*

1st Disappointment can lead to remorse (14:1)

We're grieved God did not intervene in the way we had prayed.

2nd Disappointment can lead to rage (14:2-5 & 10)

We're often guilty of directing our anger at those who represent God.

3rd Disappointment can lead to retreat (14:3b; 9; 11-12)

As the believers trust shrinks the Father's Hand retreats.

The Disappointed *Path home*

1st The *disappointed* should remember (5-6)

People are fervently praying for you!

2nd The *disappointed* should rejoice (14:17-21)

God's mercy, grace and glory await the repentant heart!

3rd The *disappointed* should return (14:24-25)

Those that fully follow the Lord will inherit the Land!

Application to life: If you live long enough, you will experience disappointment with God. The consequences of our remorse are far greater than our perceived loss. Follow the Nations' path to restoration. A relationship *flowing with milk and honey* awaits everyone who finds the path.