

God Keeps His Promises

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Based on Numbers 14:5-9)

Trusting a promise in the face of danger can be challenging. Imagine a child standing on a diving board while a parent is in the water waiting to catch them and urging them to jump. The parent promises the child that they are not in danger and that they will be right there with them the whole time. It isn't easy for the child to block out everything else and simply trust the promise of the parent.

I wonder if Joshua, Caleb, Moses, and Aaron all felt like the parent begging the child to jump when the Israelites would not trust God to lead them into the Promised Land. The people there were big and strong, and the Israelites were terrified. But God had promised that they would defeat their enemies and that He would go with them into the land. As we walk through life confessing sins, loving others, and trusting that our sins are forgiven in Christ; the Spirit reminds us that God's promises are sure and certain and that He goes with us wherever we go. The greatest of God's promises find their fulfillment in Jesus. "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are YES in Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:20b