

# THE STORY



## WANDERING IN A WASTELAND

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Deuteronomy 30:6

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Life over death, God's wholeness over emptiness.  
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and strength.

I will walk in obedience to the Lord and keep his  
commands.

I will listen to God's voice and hold fast to him so  
that I may experience the life that he promises.

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## Chapter 6: Wandering

Sermon on March 6, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/ch6Wandering>

### Getting to Know Me

1. What's been the most significant or best year of your life so far?
2. What is the longest trip you've ever taken? Did you find yourself impatient with the journey? Did you ever say, "Are we there yet?" Was the destination worth the time?

### Digging Deeper

3. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
4. In Numbers 13, Moses sends 12 spies to explore the Promised Land. Read Numbers 13:27-28, 30-32 and sum up the spies' report about the land. What does this reveal about their level of trust in God?
5. What are some of the ways you see your own behaviors and attitudes in those of the Israelites?
6. According to Numbers 14:11, what is the core issue here?
7. Throughout this passage, we are instructed to remember who we are and Who we belong to. Read 1 Corinthians 1:2, 5-9. Who are you? Who do you belong to? When is it difficult for you to remember God has you in the palm of His hand?

8. Read together Deuteronomy 8:10-18 and compare it to 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. How do these parallel each other and what is your take-away from these scriptures?
9. After reading Chapter 6 of *The Story*, what is one question you wish you could ask God?
10. Read Numbers 21:4-9? What do these verses say about God? Why did God send the snakes and why didn't he take the snakes away?
11. Each week, we've seen that "all of scripture whispers Jesus' name." Read John 3:14 and discuss how the bronze snake on a pole foreshadows Jesus. Do you see other whispers of Jesus in this chapter of *The Story*?

### Where Do I Go from Here?

12. The Israelites grumbled instead of being grateful for the blessings of God. What do you grumble about the most? What are you doing that feeds your grumbling thoughts? What can you do instead that will feed your gratitude for God's blessings?
13. How will you respond to God's challenge in Deuteronomy 30:15-16, 19-20?

### Prayer

Praise God for the ways He reveals Himself in our lives. Ask God to help you remember His love for you and help you to trust Him more.

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