

FLYING BLIND

Fear Will Keep You Out

Discussion

Are words enough to prove love? How do believers most often express their love for God? Do we have it right?

Encounter - Read God's Word so that He can speak to you - Deuteronomy 1:19-2:1

Explore - God's Word by asking questions of what you saw.

1)

When have you found yourself in a difficult situation that made you afraid?

- What was God calling you to do?
- What did you fear?
- What things discouraged you?

2)

As you look back on that situation, was there anything you did—any plan you made to handle the fear—that was a lack of faith? What?

- Did you see it as a lack of faith then? If not, why?

3)

When you look ahead right now, what do you see?

- Is there anything that frightens you? What is it?
- Do you also see God? If so, what do you see about Him?
- Is there an enemy or danger even greater than what you face now that He has already taken care of? If so, what?
- How has your Father sustained and cared for you up to this point?

4)

Deut 1:37-38; Numbers 20:2-13. Who is to blame—Moses or Israel?

- Perhaps if Israel hadn't rebelled, the events of Numbers 20 wouldn't have happened! Are others to blame for something in your life? What?
- Yet did Israel's rebellion force Moses to dishonor God? Didn't he have a choice? What does blame reveal about your own heart?

5)

Is there something you have missed out on—some mission that now appears closed to you—because you chose to listen to fear rather than to trust God?

- If God brings consequences because of your failure to trust Him, what does faith call you to do then? Is confession enough?

- What kind of sorrow does God want? (See 2 Corinthians 7:10). What is God calling you to do now?

6)

Read Numbers 13:30; 14:7-9. Every age has a faithful remnant like Caleb who rejects fear and trusts God completely. Are you part of that remnant?

- What is God calling you to inherit by staying faithful and trusting Him? (See Ephesians 1:3-14)