

Moses Disobeys God
Numbers 20:1-13
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Last week- The people rebelled and there were consequences for their disobedience. All those 20 yrs and older who grumbled, complained, and forgot the Lord, did not enter the land. As they requested they died in the wilderness.

But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."
Numbers 20:12

So how do we honor God as holy in our lives?

1) Follow Jesus

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their cross and **follow** me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it". **Matthew 16:24-25***

2) Trust Jesus

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6***

It was said of Moses that he didn't trust God. Probably in part because last time he struck the rock with the staff and this time he was instructed to speak, but mainly he didn't trust God to deal with the Israelites. God didn't tell Moses to chastise the Israelites and call them rebels. He just said to talk to the rock. Moses made a **quick** and **rash** decision.

We need to be obedient with what God's Word says and trust it all with Him.

3) Take every thought and test it

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

4) Don't use God's name wrongly (don't misrepresent God)

*You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. **Exodus 20:7***

We often think "don't curse God's actual name" or "don't use the name of God wrongly," which is true. Though this also means don't misrepresent God. Don't blame God for things He has nothing to do with or things that are a result of our own doing. Or in Moses' case, don't say things God didn't say or convey.

5) Recognize our weaknesses and be aware of them, align them with the Bible.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **Galatians 5:22-23a***

6) Lead others to God and His way.

*Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." Peter- follow me feed my sheep? **John 21:16***