



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 037 - Are We There Yet? Numbers 13-14

When ten spies gave their distorted report they discouraged the whole nation of Israel. In stubborn rebellion and disbelief an entire generation threw away its chance to enter the Promised Land.

- Describe situations where you have been discouraged from walking in bold faith and confidence.
- What bad consequences have you suffered as a result of that discouragement?

God raised up two spies, Caleb and Joshua, through whom He sought to ignite the faith of the nation.

- How have people encouraged your walk in faith?
- Which comes more natural to you—to be encouraged or discouraged? Why?
- What opportunities have you found to encourage others?

Jesus Christ knew what it was to face discouragement. One of His chosen disciples betrayed Him; another denied Him; the rest fled in terror. Only John remained by the cross for Him, along with the women and one condemned criminal who turned to Him.

- When you have no one to encourage you, where do you find encouragement and strength?

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus offers us this encouraging promise, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

- What other Bible passages give you comfort and strength when you are discouraged?