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MAY 1

Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy country.

Numbers 20:17

This was the request of the Israelites when they reached the borders of Edom. There is a great parallel for our own pathway. See what conditions Joshua laid out:

We will NOT:

- pass through the fields (worldly pleasures);

- pass through the vineyards (worldly joy);

- drink of the water of the wells (worldly refreshment);

- turn to the right hand or left hand (no distractions).

We WILL go:

- by the King’s highway (God’s path);

- until we have passed thy borders (we are in the world

only for a while - then heaven).

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NUM 16:28

And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.

Num. 16:28

Service for the Lord should be done at His direction and because He has sent us to do it. We should not choose a work out of our own imagination or for our own pleasure. Moses tried to get out of serving the Lord. But God had just finished training Moses and He sent Him back to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery. It was God’s work done by Moses. He has a work for you too. When He sends you -go.

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NUM 14:24

But My servant Caleb, because he . . . hath followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land.

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This is quite a commendation, isn’t it? Caleb had followed the Lord fully. He had given all his heart to the Lord and had been faithful to the Lord all his life. Had Caleb had an easy life? Probably not. He had to travel through the wilderness for 40 years like all his peers. But the difference was that Caleb got to enter Canaan. His peers, who left Egypt the same time, didn’t (except for Joshua). The reward was a long time coming - but it came. And Caleb got to see the promised land. He had been faithful. He faithfulness was rewarded.

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Let us go up at once, and possess [the land]; for we are well able to overcome it.

Numbers 13:30

If you read Numbers 13 through chapter 14 verse 10, you will see 2 groups of people: those who had no faith, and those whose faith was very strong. Caleb and Joshua saw the huge giants just like the other spies, did but they also saw the beauty and productivity of the land and by faith wanted to go in and take it over. They saw the blessing at the end. Those without faith saw only obstacles. What do we see - the blessing at the end of our pathway, or the problems and difficulties in the way?

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