

- 1 Thessalonians 5:19: Do not quench the Spirit.
- Talking about zeal... Jehovah's zeal; Jesus' zeal; next lesson seemed obvious: Holy Spirit's zeal

**SEND MEN TO SPY OUT THE
LAND OF CANAAN, WHICH
I AM **GIVING** TO THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.**

NUMBERS 13:2



- Numbers 13:1-2 (ESV) 1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them.”

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- Numbers 13:27 (ESV) And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. **It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.**
- Numbers 13:28-29 (ESV) 28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

CALEB QUIETED THE PEOPLE
NUMBERS 13:30



- Numbers 13:30 (ESV) 30 But Caleb **quieted** the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.”
- Numbers 13:31-33 (ESV) 31 Then the men who had gone up with him said, “**We are not able to go up against the people**, for they are **stronger** than we are.” 32 So they brought to the people of Israel a **bad report** of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

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- Numbers 14:1-4 (ESV) 1 Then all the congregation **raised a loud cry**, and the people **wept** that night. 2 And all the people of Israel **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron.

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- “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?”

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- 4 And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

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- And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation **that had done evil** in the sight of the Lord was gone.

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- Before they enter land, 40 years later, Moses summarizes this incident: Deut. 1



- Deuteronomy 1:26-33 (ESV) 26 “Yet you would not go up, but **rebelled** against the command of the Lord your God. 27 And you **murmured** in your tents and said, ‘Because **Jehovah hated us** he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to **destroy** us. 28 Where are we going up? **Our brothers have made our hearts melt**, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. **The cities are great and fortified up to heaven**. And besides, we have seen **the sons of the Anakim** there.”’ 29 Then I said to you, ‘**Do not be in dread or afraid of them**. 30 The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32 Yet in spite of this word **you did not believe** the Lord your God, 33 who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.

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DEUTERONOMY 1:28

The map shows the geographical context of the biblical events. A red outline marks the 'Land of Canaan' in the north. A yellow line traces the route of the Israelites from the Sinai Peninsula, through the Gulf of Aqaba, and into the region of Edom. Key locations labeled include Horeb, Marah, and the various tribes of Edom. The map also shows the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Red Sea to the east.

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- After wandering in wilderness 40 years
- God leads them on east side of Jordan River
- First conquer the nations of Moab and Midian
- Good land for livestock, decide to stay.



- Numbers 32:5-15 (ESV) 5 And they said, “If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. Do not take us across the Jordan.”

SHALL YOUR BROTHERS GO TO THE
WAR WHILE **YOU SIT HERE?**

NUMBERS 32:6



- 6 But Moses said to the people of Gad and to the people of Reuben, “Shall your brothers go to the war while you sit here?”

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NUMBERS 32:6

WHY WILL YOU
DISCOURAGE THE HEART
OF THE PEOPLE FROM GOING OVER
INTO THE LAND THAT JEHOVAH HAS
GIVEN THEM?

NUMBERS 32:7



- 7 Why will you discourage the heart of the people of Israel from going over into the land that the Lord has given them?

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- 8 Your fathers did this, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. 9 For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, **they discouraged the heart of the people** of Israel from going into the land that the Lord had given them.

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- 10 And the Lord's anger was kindled on that day, and he swore, saying, 11 'Surely none of the men who came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, because they have not wholly followed me,

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- 12 none except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the Lord.’ 13 And the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was gone.

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YOU WILL DESTROY ALL THIS PEOPLE.

NUMBERS 32:15



- 14 And behold, you have risen in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to increase still more the fierce anger of the Lord against Israel! 15 For if you turn away from following him, he will again abandon them in the wilderness, and **you will destroy all this people.**”

DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

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**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I
QUENCH THE SPIRIT
IN MY BRETHREN?**

- What happens when I quench the Spirit in my brethren?
- Two examples demonstrate that my actions affect my brethren.
 - What I do, or don't do, can affect this congregation either positively or negatively.

DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

DISCOURAGE

- Discourage
 - Numbers 32:7: Why will you discourage the heart of the people of Israel?
 - Numbers 32:9: They discouraged the heart of the people of Israel from going into the land
 - Deuteronomy 1:28: Our brothers have made our hearts melt

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

DISCOURAGE



EVIL

- Evil
 - Numbers 32:13: all the generation that had done evil in the sight of Jehovah
 - Deuteronomy 1:26: Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of Jehovah your God.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:19

DISCOURAGEMENT



EVIL



**DESTROY
THE PEOPLE**

- Destroy the people
 - Numbers 32:15: you will destroy all this people
 - Note: “you” = those who caused discouragement (not God)

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**DESTROY
THE PEOPLE**

- Not excusing individual responsibility for our actions: if I rebel, complain, then it's on me.
- But my actions can make it easier for others to fail to trust God and rebel.

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**DESTROY
THE PEOPLE**

- Am I advancing the plan and purpose of God, in his way?
 - Or am I standing/sitting in the way?
- Am I saying things that hurt, discourage, hinder, question God?

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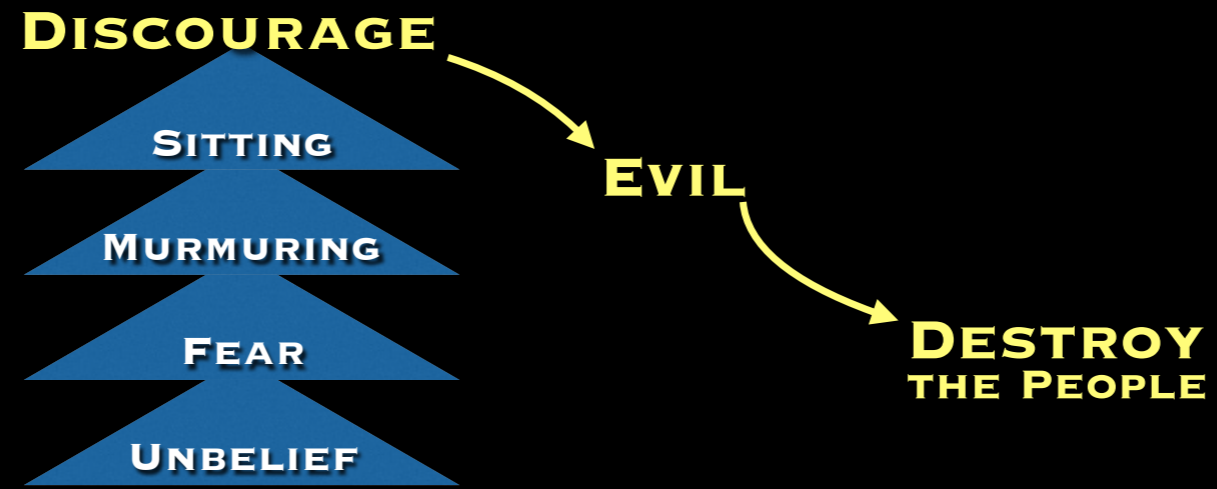
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**HOW DO I
QUENCH THE SPIRIT
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- How do I quench the Spirit in my brethren?

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- Unbelief when we should be trusting
- Fear when we should be confident
- Murmuring when we should be encouraging
- Sitting when we should be doing

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Do Not Quench the Spirit - 3

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Synopsis: We can quench the spirit of our brethren, and God takes this very seriously. Two examples from the Israelites demonstrate the danger of discouraging our brethren from accomplishing his will. Discouragement leads to evil and the destruction of the people.

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