

# Falling in the Desert

1. Are you open to \_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord has to say about changing your attitude?

Yes No

2. Are you willing to be \_\_\_\_\_?

Yes No

\_\_\_\_\_ change won't begin until some circumstance brings you to the undeniable conclusion that staying on your current course will take you somewhere you don't want to be.

3. Are you willing to change \_\_\_\_\_?

Yes No

Attitudes are \_\_\_\_\_ of thinking formed over a long period of time.

*"You can \_\_\_\_\_ the flow of negativity that causes happiness to hemorrhage, and you can \_\_\_\_\_ the flow of good attitudes that causes abundant joy to overflow."*

4. Are you willing to go after this change of attitude with \_\_\_\_\_?

Yes No

*Psalm 95:7-8 (MSG) Drop everything and listen, listen as he speaks: 8 Don't turn a deaf ear*

\_\_\_\_\_ get us to spiritual and emotional deserts.

Numbers 13 & 14

*Numbers 13:30 "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."*

*Numbers 14:7-9 "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

*Numbers 13:32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size."*

**Numbers 14:2** All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” 4 And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

**Numbers 14:10** The whole assembly talked about stoning them.

**Numbers 14:11-12** The LORD said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them? 12 I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.”

**Numbers 14:26-30** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron: 27 “How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. 28 So tell them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very thing I heard you say: 29 In this wilderness your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. 30 Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.

**Numbers 14:31-33** As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. 33 Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness.

**Numbers 14:34** For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.’

## **What would push God to such an extreme response?**

**Numbers 14:27 (KJV)** I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel

**1 Corinthians 10:1-5** I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. 2 In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. 3 All of them ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

**6** These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, **7** or worship idols as some of them did....**8** And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did....**9** Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did....**10** And don’t grumble as some of them did....**11** These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.

**12** If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.