

Lord, Change My Doubting Attitude

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Scripture text for today's lesson:

"They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, & it does flow with milk & honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful & the cities are fortified & very large..."We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are"...We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

Numbers 13:26-33

Definition of Doubt:

1. DOUBT is [the lack of confidence and assurance that God will keep His promise.](#)

Wilderness Behavior # 1 [Doubting God's Providence](#)

But the whole assembly talked about stoning them (Joshua & Caleb). Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the Tent of Meeting to all the Israelites. 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 miraculous signs I have performed among them? I will strike them down with a plague & destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they."

Num 14:10-12

Wilderness Behavior # 2 [Forgetfulness](#)

In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night & in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp & to show you the way you should go.

Deut 1:32-33

Wilderness Behavior # 3 [Comparing](#)

The Israelites continued to complain, the Lord had provided them with MANNA to eat.

"We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic, but now our appetite is gone. There is nothing to look at except this manna." Num 11:5-6

They remembered the food of Egypt but they forgot their past slavery! They suffered from selective memory.

Application 1

People experience the [same](#) event but come to [opposite](#) conclusions

The circumstances in life will either [stretch](#) or [shrink](#) our faith.

Application 2

When surrounded by doubters, doubting **becomes** a norm .

Doubting is:

- Contagious
- A habit

Doubt is a lack of confidence that God will keep His Promises!

Application 3

It's a short trip from doubt to despair .

Doubts spring from disbelief .

Doubts lead to desperation .

Group Discussion Questions:

- What are the causes and consequences of doubt?
- List the common behaviours / actions manifested when one is in the state of 'doubt'.
- What does each of the behaviour/ action leads to? (Num 13, Deut 1)
- Why is attitude of doubting an 'insult' to God?
- When surrounded by doubters, doubting **becomes a norm. Do you have doubters in your life? How would you guard against their influence?** Share an example of doubting God's providence and how the bible has or can strengthen your faith in God.