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Constantly Trusting

Shalom,

Our study in the Torah this week **in Numbers 19:1–22:1, called Chukat or “Decree”**, shows the results of unbelief and the forty years wandering in the wilderness. It relates the death of Miriam and Aaron, as well as the event that kept Moses from entering the promised land when he struck the rock that God provided to bring water to His people and failed to value and respect the holiness of God in his disobedience.

But Adonai said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in Me so as to esteem Me as holy in the eyes of Bnei-Yisrael, therefore you will not bring this assembly into the land that I have given to them.” (Numbers 20:12 TLV)

I was speaking about this portion recently, and about Moses striking the rock. I mentioned how this must have been one of the greatest regrets in Moses' life. Just think, He had been leading the Children of Israel for forty years and had been used mightily in word and deed. He had been in direct contact with God, heard His voice, and even seen a part of His form. He had come to a place of relating to God with amazing revelation and clarity, and yet, in a moment of frustration with circumstances and the grumbling of the people, he allowed his flesh to reign and control his actions in a way that disqualified him from leading the people to their destination into the promised Land of Israel.

It would be easy, thinking naturally, to excuse this lapse, but the One he was representing, and the One that Moses foreshadowed, was none other than Yeshua the Messiah, and there could be no such lapse when it came to His life and ministry.

Also, Moshe was faithful in all God's house, as a servant giving witness to things God would divulge later. But the Messiah, as Son, was faithful over God's house. And we are that house of His, provided we hold firmly to the courage and confidence inspired by what we hope for. (Hebrews 3:5-6 CJB)

Moses was not perfect, but if he simply did what God said and followed His direction, he was kept from doing something that would keep him from his desire and goal. In our thinking we are quick to excuse our momentary lapses when we speak death instead of maintaining our high calling from God. We often depend on mercy when we miss it and fail to learn when we could be walking in faith and following God implicitly. Yes, it is by God's grace that each of us are given power to walk in the spirit of obedience to the Spirit of God. We surmise that since we are forgiven, we will not lose anything if we walk, from time to time, in willful disobedience, thinking that, when it's convenient, we can repent without consequence. Certainly, we can turn around and come back to a

place of obedience, but as in the case of Moses missing entry to the promised land, there is a cost for walking in the flesh.

Let's choose to trust God and choose to walk in His Spirit. Walking, or living in the flesh shortens lives and robs the body of Messiah of your gifts and your anointed ministry in the congregation. Walking in the Spirit is the path of the abundant life Yeshua gave to us, and as a great bonus, when you walk in the Spirit you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

But I say, walk by the Ruach, and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh.
(Galatians 5:16 TLV)

Abiding in the Spirit of God

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