

# Numbers 13:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

## Analysis

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The spies returned to Kadesh with physical evidence of Canaan's fertility: a cluster of grapes so large it required two men to carry it on a pole. This tangible proof confirmed God's description of a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' Yet even undeniable evidence couldn't overcome unbelief in ten spies' hearts.

## Historical Context

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The Valley of Eshcol (meaning 'cluster') near Hebron was renowned for its vineyards. Archaeological evidence confirms this region's agricultural richness in antiquity, with grape cultivation being a major industry.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. Why is even overwhelming evidence insufficient to produce faith apart from God's grace?
2. What tangible evidences of God's faithfulness in your past can strengthen present trust?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלָכָוּ H1980	וַבָּאוּ and came H935	אֶל H413	מֹשֶׁה to Moses H4872	וְאֶל H413	אַהֲרֹן and to Aaron H175	וְאֶל H413	כָּל H3605
	וְכָל and to all the congregation H5712	בְּנֵי of the children H1121	יִשְׂרָאֵל of Israel H3478	וְאֶל H413	מִדְבַּר unto the wilderness H4057		
פָּאֵרָן of Paran H6290	קִדְשָׁה to Kadesh H6946	וַיָּשׁוּבּוּ and brought back H7725	אֶת H853	דְּבַר word H1697	וְאֵת H853	כָּל H3605	
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 32:8** (Parallel theme): Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

**Numbers 20:1** (References Israel): Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

**Deuteronomy 1:19** (Parallel theme): And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the

mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

**Numbers 33:36** (Parallel theme): And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

**Numbers 20:16** (Parallel theme): And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

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