

# Numbers 14:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

## Analysis

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The entire congregation's response to the evil report was corporate weeping and crying through the night. This emotional outburst revealed hearts gripped by fear rather than faith. Their mourning wasn't godly repentance but self-pitying despair, lamenting God's leadership rather than trusting His promises. Unbelief manifests not in mere doubt but in vocal opposition to God's revealed will.

## Historical Context

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This occurred at Kadesh-barnea, on the threshold of entering the Promised Land after two years of God's faithful provision. Rather than celebrating imminent fulfillment of God's promise, they chose collective despair based on human assessment.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How can you distinguish between godly sorrow and self-pitying despair in your responses to difficulties?

2. What does corporate unbelief look like in church communities today?

## Interlinear Text

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וַתִּשָּׂא <b>lifted up</b> H5375	כָּל H3605	וְכָל הָעֵדָה <b>And all the congregation</b> H5712	וַתִּנָּח וְ <b>and cried</b> H5414	אֶת H853	קוֹלָם <b>their voice</b> H6963	וַיִּבְכּוּ <b>wept</b> H1058
וְעַם <b>and the people</b> H5971	בַּלַּיְלָה <b>that night</b> H3915	הַהוּא: H1931				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 1:45** (Parallel theme): And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

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