

# Numbers 32:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

## Analysis

Moses confronted them: 'wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?' Their choice would demoralize others, just as the unfaithful spies had. Individual decisions affect the whole community; refusing God's best not only harms you but discourages others from pursuing it.

## Historical Context

Moses' immediate recognition of this request's danger demonstrated wisdom learned through painful experience. The spy narrative was deeply embedded in Israel's consciousness as the defining failure. Any action recalling that sin required strong confrontation. Leaders must identify and oppose attitudes that could spread discouragement.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How do your choices encourage or discourage others in pursuing God's promises?
2. What responsibility do you bear for the effect your decisions have on community faith?

## Interlinear Text

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H4100 And wherefore discourage ye H5106 H853 the heart H3820 H1121 H3478  
from going over H413 into the land H776 H834 H5414 H0 H3068  
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