

Finishing Well

Numbers 20:1-13



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9 So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, just as he commanded him. 10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, 'Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?' 11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

12 But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.'

13 These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarrelled with the Lord and where he was proved holy among them.

Numbers 20



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LET US RUN WITH *perseverance* THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US,
FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH.

hebrews 12:1

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

(1 Corinthians 9)





STUMBLING

AT THE FINISH LINE

One Single Mistake

Disqualificaton!





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DEAL WITH BESETTING



ANGER ISSUES

A Lifelong Problem With Anger

'In your anger, do not sin ...'
(Ephesians 5:26)

Hebrews 12

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ...





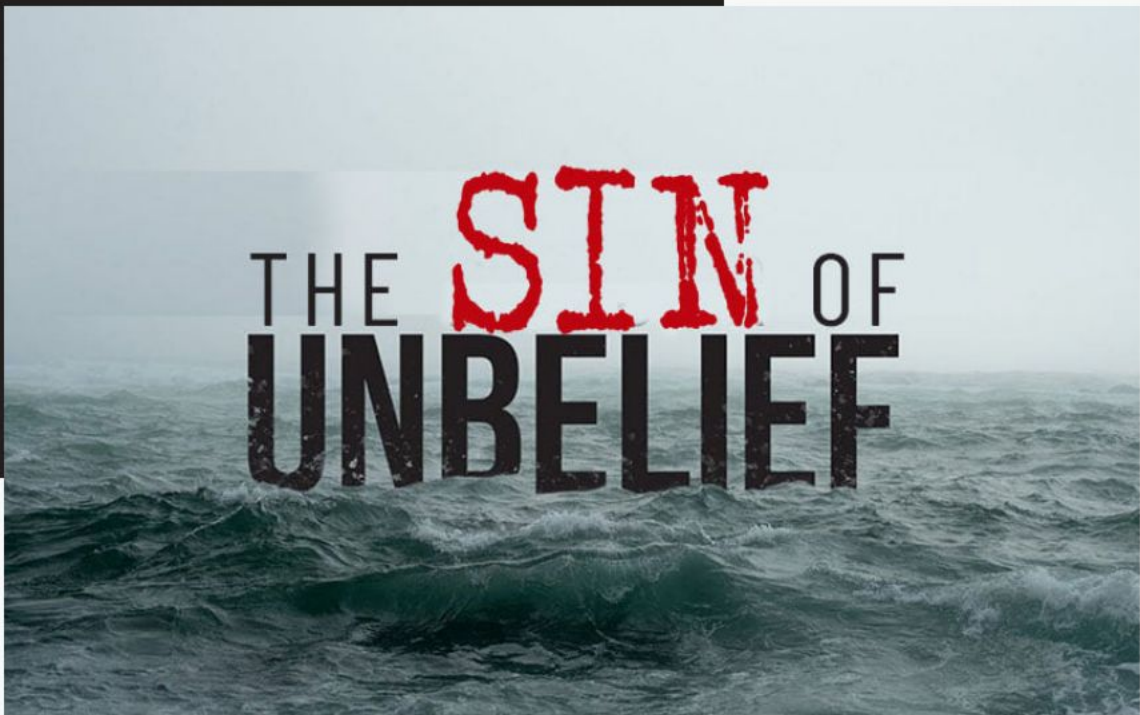
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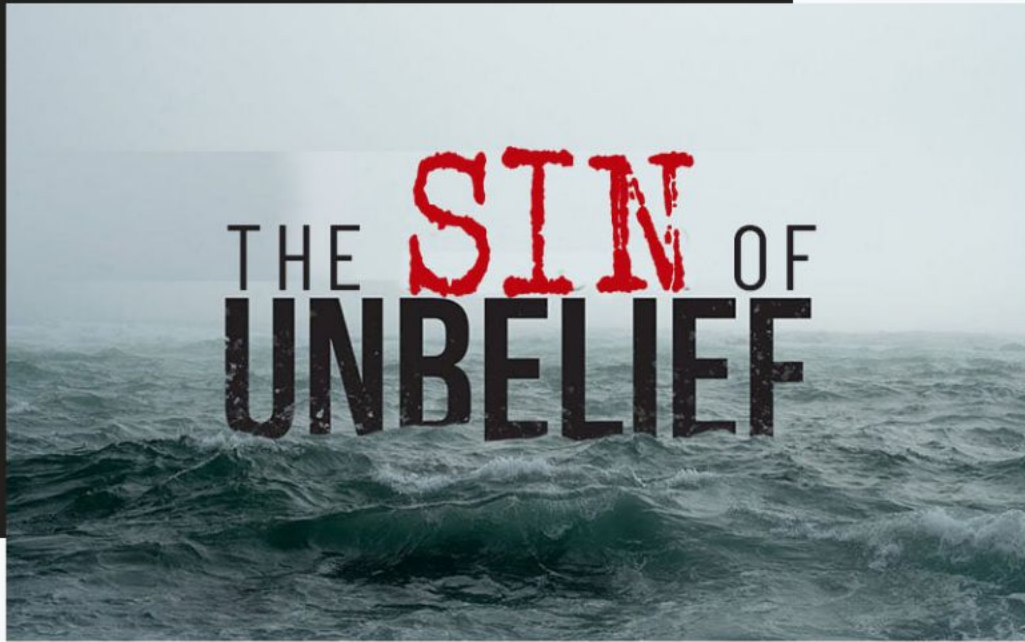


12 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, ...

(Numbers 20 NKJV)

14 for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honour me as holy before their eyes.’ (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

(Numbers 27)



Moses defaced a beautiful picture of Jesus' redemptive work through the rock which provided water in the wilderness. The New Testament makes it clear this water-providing, life-giving rock was a picture of Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:4). Jesus, being struck once, provided life for all who would drink of Him (John 7:37). But it was unnecessary – and unrighteous – that Jesus would be struck again, much less again twice, because the Son of God needed only to suffer once (Hebrews 10:10-12). Jesus can now be come to with words of faith (Romans 10:8-10), as Moses should have only used words of faith to bring life-giving water to the nation of Israel. Moses “ruined” this picture of the work of Jesus God intended. (David Guzik)

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(Numbers 20)

"He who claims power to himself,
denies it to God."
(Alexander Maclaren)



5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

(1 Corinthians 3)

17 Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. *(Romans 15)*



**The Rod
Or
The Lord?**





**NOT THAT WE ARE
COMPETENT IN OURSELVES
TO CLAIM ANYTHING FOR OURSELVES,
*but our competence
comes from God.***

2 CORINTHIANS 3:5 NIV

*I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.*

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

A silhouette of a person running on a path towards a sunset over a lake. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and the path. The runner is in the center of the frame, moving away from the viewer towards the sunset.

FINISH WELL

Deal With
Besetting Sin

Develop The Habit
of Obedience

Always Give Glory
To God



Jennifer Brogdon

The race of faith is life's journey for the Christian. Imagine what would happen if we looked to Jesus every day. Every weight would fall off and every sin would untangle from us. Each look at Jesus would strengthen us to endure and finish well. He waits for us on the other side. He is our crown, and we will be with him forever. Every huff, every twinge of pain, and every prolonged day on earth is worth patiently enduring the journey to get to the finish line — to get to Jesus.