

Today we have just one verse to grapple with, a verse that if put into practice can change all of life. Faith is a huge part of Christian living and one of the lessons Jesus continually reinforced, asking for faith and occasionally saying, "O ye of little faith!" In this verse, the believer is challenged to "walk by faith and not by sight." When we proclaim "God is big enough," we are accepting a new standard for our lives, one where faith leads us into the future. God expects us to believe that He is big enough.

Why is it so important to live by faith? Jesus again and again challenged His disciples to live by faith.

What would change in our lives if "God is big enough" became the factor we trusted for our decisions, how we feel and the choices we make?

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The story of the parting of the Red Sea is one of the most famous in the Bible. In the classic movie *The Ten Commandments*, it is the big story. We have cowering slaves on one side of the Red Sea and the Promised Land on the other. In the miracle, we have a deliverance from certain annihilation but also the beginning of a change. The "God is big enough" event is going to begin to change a group of Egyptian slaves into the people of God.

Where might you still live on the "cowering slaves" side of the sea, and what could the Promised Land look like for you?

Why do you think the journey for who they were becoming as God's people might have been more important than the journey to a literal land of promise across the journey? Who are you becoming?

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The journey to the Promised Land had begun, even though they were still traveling in a desert. The Red Sea was behind them, and the "land of milk and honey" was somewhere in the future. In the meantime, God was with them. And even though God had already testified that "He was big enough" by many miracles, the people continued to grumble and doubt. But God still testified of His faithfulness by sending "manna" from heaven each day.

Why is it a tendency for humans to complain and grumble so much? Why do you think this is considered such a problem to God?

Why for these people did it seem that going back to "known" slavery in Egypt looked better than going on to an "unknown" Promised Land with God? What is God leading you from? What is God leading you to?

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God's purpose for the people was still the same; He was going to get them to the "land of milk and honey." By now they should have had confidence that God would give them what they needed for this journey. God had already proved He was big enough. The Red Sea had parted, and every day manna appeared. But now the thirst came, and they needed water.

Why was it so difficult for the people of Israel to trust God for the future even though God had been so faithful in the past? Why is it difficult for us?

Day by day the wandering Hebrews were learning to live by faith, to trust in their relationship with a faithful God. This relationship had been broken by years of slavery, now it was being restored. Is there anything about your relationship with God that needs to be restored?

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