

Numbers 32: Prioritizing God's Will & Plan above ours!

Main Idea: Though the tribes of Reuben & Gad were tempted to settle in a comfortable land east of Jordan, they had to learn to prioritize their commitment to God's will & plan, as well as their responsibility to the community, even if it meant putting their interests on hold.

Section	Warnings	How it fit into the main idea of Num 32?
1. A Tempting Detour (v1-5)	Beware! What we 'see' may tempt us to prioritize our earthly interests, comfort, preferences, and convenience above God's will. [2 Corinthians 5:7, Rom 12:2]	The tribes' initial request and Moses' warning show the tension between personal interests and commitment to God's will and plan.
2. The Risks of Disobedience (v6-15)	a. Beware of being a stumbling block that discourages others from doing God's will. [Rom 15:5] b. Beware of having a 'DSA' mentality [v15]. [Phil 2:12]	
3. The Promise of Commitment (v16-19)	Beware of discontentment and neglecting one's priorities in fulfilling God's purpose, while fulfilling personal responsibilities. [2 Cor 9:8]	The tribes' promise of commitment demonstrates their willingness to prioritize God's will and plan, and the community's needs.
4. A Call to Accountability (v20-32)	Beware of not keeping to our promises. <u>(Ecc 5:4-5)</u>	Moses' agreement and warning emphasize the importance of following through on their commitment.
5. Faithfulness in Action (v33-42)	a. Beware of the influencing power of our words and actions. (Eph 5:6) b. Beware of complacency and half-hearted commitment that can lead to a lack of follow-through and trust in God's promises. [Heb 10:23]	The tribes' actions show they learned to balance their personal needs with their responsibility to the community.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are the "comfortable lands" in your life that might distract you from God's plan and purposes?
2. How can you balance your personal needs and responsibilities with your commitment to God's plan and His community?
3. What are the potential risks or consequences of prioritizing your interests above God's plan, and how can you stay accountable to God and to others?
4. How have your words and actions been influencing those around you?

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