

Numbers 32 - Moving Forward...With Faltering Steps But Sure Direction

Introduction

A Potential Crisis Emerged

1. The tribes of Reuben & Gad wanted to take possession of the land east of Jordan and did not want to cross over to the Promised Land (Num 32:1-5)
2. Moses rebuked them by pointing out the consequences of their proposed action (Num 32:6-15)

Lesson Point: Failure to play our role well in the kingdom work will have an adverse impact upon our fellow workers

Crisis Averted

3. The tribes of Reuben & Gad then counter- proposed to fight for the Promised Land with the rest of the Israelites but retain their inheritance east of Jordan and Moses accepted their counter proposal (Num 32:16-27)
4. Moses instructed the future leaders to ensure the tribes of Reuben & Gad carried out their promise (Num 32:28-32)

Lesson Points:

- Full commitment to participate in the kingdom work
- Kingdom work involves working with imperfect saints toward kingdom goals

Advancement Made

5. Moses gave the east of Jordan to the tribes of Reuben, Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh and they built their cities (Num 32:33-42)

Significance:

- Possessing and settling in the land of the Amorites foreshadows their future successful possession of the Promised Land.