

## **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.