

# Pentateuch Overview: Numbers

[#14] Deserters Saved by Grace – Numbers 1-14

**Sermon Outline** – June 25, 2017

## Children's Sermon: Counting the Cross

How was Jesus put to death?

**Luke 14:27**

Whoever does not *bear his own cross* and come after me cannot be my disciple.

What does Jesus mean when he says we are to bear our own cross?

**Luke 14:33** (my own translation)

...any one of you who does not willingly give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

What were these people not willing to give up? (Rich young ruler; many Pharisees)

What are you not willing to give up?

What was Jesus unwilling to give up? (Good news vs. Good advice)

## Numbers

Notes:

### *Life in God's Army in the Wilderness*

#### **Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...**

Israel needs Jesus to live life in the wilderness for them.



### God Orders & Leads His Army (1-10)

- I. **Preparation to Battle for the Promised Land (1:1–10:10)**
  - A. Israel Numbered and Ordered (1:1–2:34)
  - B. **Levites** Numbered and Ordered (3:1–4:49)
  - C. Keeping God's Camp Clean (5:1–6:21)
  - D. The LORD Blesses Israel (6:22–8:4)
    1. Aaron's Blessing (6:22-27)
    2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Offerings after the Tabernacle's Consecration (7:1-89)
    3. The Seven Lamps to Shine in Front (8:1-4)
  - E. Consecration/Retirement of the Levites (8:5–26)
- II. **Setting out for the Land, Led by the Lord (9:1–10:36)**
  - A. The Passover Celebrated (9:1-14)
  - B. Led by God's Glory Cloud (9:15-10:36) Holy Spirit (Is. 63:11ff.)

Jesus Followed his Father's Orders!

- Jesus led by the Spirit in Wilderness (Matt. 4:1ff.)
- Jesus food... (John 4:34)
- The Cross...

### Philippians 2:5b–11

<sup>5</sup> ...Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by *taking the form of a servant*, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, *he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* <sup>9</sup>

Therefore **God** has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## March of Treason (11-14)

### III. The March from Sinai to Kadesh (11:1– 14:45)

- A. The People's Three Complaints (11–12)
  1. Complaints about Hardship – Taberah/Burning (11:1-3)
  2. Complaints about Food (11:4-35)
    - a. If only we had Meat! (4-9)
    - b. Moses' Complaint about the Burden (10-15)**
    - c. God responds to these two complaints (16-23)
      - 1) Seventy elders anointed (24-30; esp. 25)**
      - 2) Quail & Plague (31-35)
  3. Miriam and Aaron Complain about Moses (12:1-16)
- B. Israel rejects the LORD (13–14)
  1. Scouting Out Canaan (13:1-33)
  2. Israel **Fears** the Canaanites (14:1-10)
  3. God's Judgment of Israel's Rebellion (14:11-38)
  4. Israel **Trusts** their Own Strength – Routed (14:30-45)

### Jesus Overcame the Failures of Israel!

### Hebrews 5:7–9

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, *to him who was able to save him from death*, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, *he learned*

obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, **he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...**

This is not mere willingness to suffer,  
It is **suffering with faith in God.**

**With Jesus, Follow Jesus!**

**...Fired at our Life & Heart**

We need Jesus to live life in the wilderness for us... and in us. With Jesus and like Jesus we conquer by dying!



God will put his Law Within us! (Jeremiah 31:33)

Taking Up Our Cross

**Philippians 2:1–11**

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

<sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> **Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...** (Who Took Up The Cross)

**Last Week's**

**Meditation Assignment:**

Consider the contrast between the Old Covenant & the New as taught in **Hebrews 8:8-13 & 10:12-31**

**Hebrews 10:32–39**

<sup>32</sup> But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when

you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For,

*“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; <sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”*

<sup>39</sup> But ***we are not of those who shrink back*** and are destroyed, **but of those who have faith** and preserve their souls.