

# Connecting Church and Home

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Quarter 4, Week 6 :: **Moses' Unbelief**

**Treasure Story:** Numbers 20:2-12

It's refreshing to know that characters from the Bible were human just like us. In today's Treasure Story, Moses blew it. Instead of patiently trusting and following God's commands, he disobeyed. His disobedience carried with it certain consequences, but that did not change God's love for Moses. God hates our sin, but He loves us with a fierce love and wants us to be completely obedient like His Son Jesus. We can learn from Moses' disobedience, but we should strive to be like Jesus.

## Connect

"One act of obedience is better than one hundred sermons."  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

God expects us to obey Him when He calls us to do something. Many times, however, we find ourselves like Moses and disobeying God. The disappointment of not doing what God has asked us to do can bring us down and cause us to think that we are no longer loved by God. Certainly Satan would have us to think this way. It should always be our aim to obey. However, when we do disobey, we should keep this comfort close to us that in Christ we have forgiveness and healing from sin. Here are a few thoughts on how to deal with disobedience:

- **Be Aware of Your Tendencies:** Keep in mind that your inclination by nature is to disobey God. It is part of your DNA because of the sin nature we inherited from Adam and Eve. You, therefore, have to be intentional about being obedient. It doesn't come naturally. Obeying God requires prayer and reliance on God's power to help you.
- **Disobedience Discussion:** Take the opportunity when your children disobey you to confess to them that you struggle with disobeying your Heavenly Father. Discuss with your children strategies on how your family can be more obedient to what God desires. Pray for each other and encourage each other in this area.

## My Mission As Parent

- How intentional are you about being obedient to what the Lord commands? How can it help you to realize that obedience is not natural but it is possible?
- Think about how being honest with your children about your struggle to obey can help both you and them. Let your children be allies with you in praying and seeking to be obedient. Make submission and obedience qualities that are to be desired and not avoided.

## Prayer Points

- Pray for the Lord to help you recognize areas of your life where you have been disobedient to Him.
- Ask the Lord for help to remember that you are prone to disobedience. Seek His help to go against what is natural and instead remain obedient to Him.
- Pray with your children and ask the Lord to help them confess when they are disobedient and seek forgiveness as well as the strength to obey.