Not for You

As a child, what is something your parents chose for you (but you wouldn’t have necessarily chosen it for yourself)?

Read Numbers 13:1—14:45.

1. Why did God send 12 men to explore/spy the land of Canaan?

1. It gave them a taste of what God had in store for His people.
2. This was to provide a final warning for the Canaanites.
3. No particular reason; just something to do.
4. To provide a representative report that would include everyone.
5. This was a test of their faith in God.
6. Men usually have a good sense of direction.
7. He wanted their involvement in the whole “Egypt to Canaan” thing.
8. Other.

2. What were the 12 spies to include in their report when they returned?

1. What the land was like.
2. What the people were like.
3. Soil testing for farming.
4. Taste tests.
5. Likelihood of conquering the inhabitants.
6. Likelihood of forging a peace treaty.
7. Determine which neighborhoods would be most desirable.
8. Religious practices observed in Canaan.
9. Other.

3. Why did the Israelites cry all night when they heard the report (14:1)?

1. They hadn’t had a good cry in quite a while.
2. The report was all negative.
3. God clearly didn’t want them to enter Canaan.
4. It left them with no choice but to return to Egypt.
5. The bad news outweighed the good news in the report.
6. They believed the majority.
7. God’s involvement wasn’t included in their assessment.
8. They had forgotten all God had done for them up to that point.
9. Other.

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4. How did Moses respond to God’s idea to destroy the Israelites and start over with a new group comprised of just Moses’ descendants?

1. Now we’re talking.
2. The Israelites aren’t as bad as you’re making them seem.
3. You must be having a bad day.
4. These are your people, and it’s your reputation on the line, Yahweh.
5. Confession, and request for forgiveness on behalf of the Israelites.
6. Just give them another chance.
7. Reciting God’s actions and character traits.
8. I’m really no better than them, and my descendants won’t be, either.
9. Other.

5. What was God’s response to Moses’ request?

1. Get out of my way.
2. Forgiveness for the Israelites.
3. Punishment for the Israelites.
4. Reward for Caleb and Joshua.
5. God answered the people’s request to just die in the wilderness.
6. Form a committee to make a plan to enter Canaan.
7. The 10 negative scouts died by God’s plague.
8. Let’s try this again.
9. Other.

6. What was wrong with the Israelite’s late attempt to enter Canaan?

1. Their timing was all off.
2. This demonstrated another example of them doing their own thing.
3. They did the exact opposite of what God told them to do.
4. It was based on avoiding the consequences of their previous choice.
5. They couldn’t overcome the Canaanites in the land.
6. It seemed like a good idea to them, but it wasn’t a good idea to God.
7. They tried it without the ark of the covenant.
8. God wasn’t with them in their actions.
9. Other.

7. Why didn’t God’s people follow his directions? Why don’t you?

8. What has God done for you (but you often forget it)?