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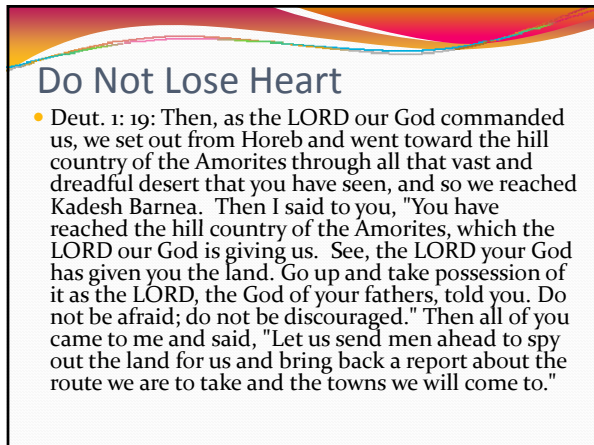
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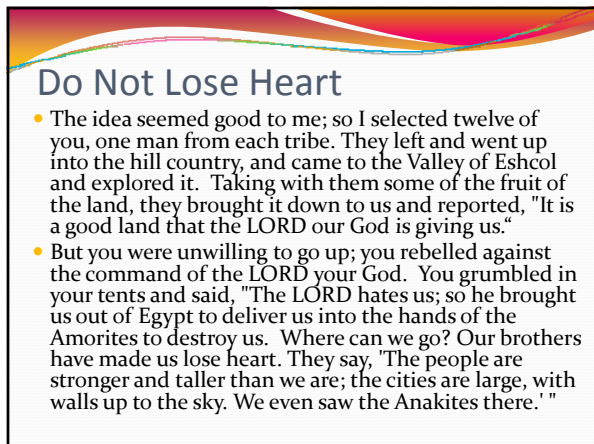
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**Do Not Lose Heart**

- Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the desert. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."
- In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.

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**Do Not Lose Heart**

- They lost heart because they succumbed to fear.
- They lost heart because they lost faith in God's power.
- They lost heart because they listened to the wrong voice.
- They lost heart because they stopped trusting God.

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**Do Not Lose Heart**

- I Samuel 17:32 - David said it about Goliath. "Let no one lose heart on account of the Philistine." David had confidence in God's power to deliver Him, not confidence in His own prowess and ability.
- Isaiah 7:4 - God told Isaiah to say those words to the King of Judah, "Be careful, keep calm, and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart...."

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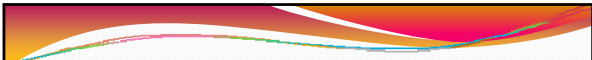
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- II Cor. 4:7 – Paul wrote these very poignant words, “We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not by us. We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed....therefore, do not lose heart.”

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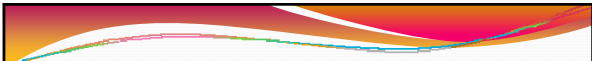
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- The spiritual journey is not a walk in the park but more like a long, hard fight.
- God didn't promise to explain our suffering or take it away. What He does promise to do is fill it with His presence.

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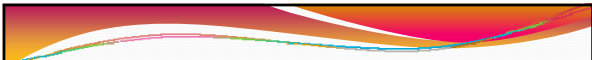
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- We need to remember that there are some things about God's plan that will remain a mystery. We lack the capacity or understanding to grasp His purposes and interventions in our lives.
- Eccl. 11:5 – “As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

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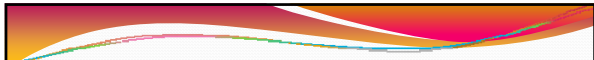
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- Mysterious as it appears to be, true faith and suffering frequently go hand in hand. (Corrie ten Boom)

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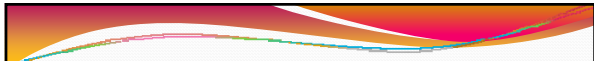
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- What are you facing today that is causing you to be fearful?
- God is in control of where you are right now...you can release your fears to Him today. (Mom)

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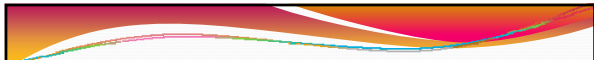
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### Do Not Lose Heart

- Is your faith being tested today?
- He has prepared you for the moment you are in. He has given you what you need to overcome. God never sets you up to fail, only to grow.

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**Do Not Lose Heart**

- What are the voices you are listening to these days that are defeating you? (What if's)
- There is only one voice worth listening to when you are in danger of losing heart and that is God's.

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**Do Not Lose Heart**

- Are you having trouble trusting God these days? Are you questioning his leading, His timing, even His love?
- In the end we all face the same decision...take offense, be embittered or walk forward in faith even when we don't understand what God is up to.
- An area of our spiritual journey that especially taunts us to lose heart is "waiting".

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**Do Not Lose Heart**

Waiting....

- is not a waste of time....God does something within us when He asks us to wait.
- God is at work behind the scenes even if our eyes can't see it. He always a plan in place.
- God is expanding your faith. He wants you to have confidence in Him on a deeper level. Confidence in His love, His timing, His promises, His purposes and His power.
- God is always after something....He is not being cruel. It may involve some changes in us...in someone close to us...in the situation we are involved in...whatever it is, He knows when to pull the trigger, and open the door. His timing is perfect.

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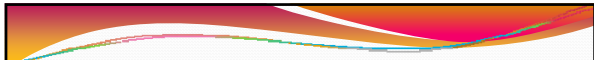
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**Do Not Lose Heart**

“Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him.”

Is. 64:4

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