



We all have memories of our failures, and some of them were epic. The good news is that God's grace is even more epic. This series will remind us that God is better at forgiving and fixing than we are at failing.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 To start things off, what are some generational patterns you've seen repeat themselves in your lifetime? They can be specific to you, or they can be as general as fashion trends.

2 Read Numbers 20:1-5. The people complain, much like their parents did almost forty years earlier (**see Exodus 17:1-7**). To be fair, they needed water, but they didn't need to rebel against God or attack Moses. The people had a legitimate need, but they sought to meet it in an illegitimate way. How do people seek to meet legitimate needs in illegitimate ways in our lifetime?

3 Read Numbers 20:6-8. Despite the people's negative attitude, despite acting just like the previous generation, we see that **God provides**. What does this tell us about God's character?

4 Read Numbers 20:9-11. Moses rebels. In Moses' anger, he disobeys God's command and verbally berates the people (**see Psalm 106:32-33**). Why do you think God cares about both our actions *and* our words? How can our speech be a form of rebellion against God? (*for Jesus' take, see Matthew 5:21-22 and Luke 6:45*)

5 Read Numbers 20:12 and Numbers 20:24. When God's people sin, **God rebukes and redeems**. That's what he did with Moses, forbidding him from entering the promised land but allowing him to continue to lead the people. And beyond his earthly life, Moses did make it to the promised land (**see Luke 9:30-31**). Why do you think not trusting God is at the heart of Moses' rebellion? Why is it important that God rebukes our sin and redeems our lives?

6 Read 1 Corinthians 10:4. Paul says that the rock struck by Moses was Christ. How does this metaphor help us see and understand who Jesus is and what He has done for us?

