

The logo features a stylized yellow cross with a circular base on the left, followed by the word "TRANSFORMED" in a bold, yellow, distressed font. Below this, the text "DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background is dark blue with abstract, leaf-like shapes in a lighter shade of blue.

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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

Numbers 20:12

Trust

Moses had been through a lot. He had fled his comfy palace life in Egypt after he killed a man. He had a family and a comfortable life as a shepherd in the desert, but God took him out of that for a more difficult task. He had to lead the complaining Israelites and convince stubborn Pharaoh to let them go. This was going to be a monster task!

But God gave him the support and encouragement to get the job done. God never failed Moses in supplying all he needed. The Egyptians were defeated, the sea had parted, food and water had been supplied, they were going to be fine.

But Moses reached a tipping point. He was so frustrated with his situation that he didn't obey God's command. It should have been a simple task to speak to the rock and trust that water would be supplied.

But he didn't trust in God this one time. Moses failed and it cost him.

We can't imagine how he could miss everything God had supplied in the past. Certainly the future would be fine as well.

But sometimes it is all too easy to forget what God has done for us in the past. We forget how God has helped our family through a hard financial time or a severe illness. We forget how our own strength and effort have failed us, but God has lifted us up.

We do make terrible decisions as we place our trust in ourselves, rather than on God and his Word. It may seem that failures surround us wherever we go, but we have our powerful God on our side who does not make mistakes.

Our loving God shows us daily why we should continue to trust in him. His grace and mercy is evident as he does not condemn us, but has forgiven our sins. God will continue to pick us up from our failures because of the trust that Jesus had in the Father's work. Jesus freely gave himself over to death for us. His trust in God gives us reason to trust in him, rather than in ourselves.

PRAYER: Lord, help us see more clearly that you work for our good daily. Move us to trust in you and not in our own weak flesh. Amen.