

Refrigerator Notes 11 October 2015
“When We could, We wouldn’t, Now that We Can, We Want”
Hebrews 4:12-16

1. In order to understand the title, we need to refer back to the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert.
2. The Israelites had plenty of opportunities to follow God’s commandments, but in their infinite wisdom, they chose to disobey God, which there were serious consequences.
3. When the children of God could have been redeemed themselves, they were not only ready, but they chose to do the opposite of God commandments.
4. We live in a world where God’s word is as much as relevant today as it was more than 4000 years ago.
5. Our text told us that God spoke through Moses to His people, but the word of God had no significant meaning to what the people wanted to do.
6. The truth of the matter was that the Israelites would have rather gone back to Egypt than suffered in the wilderness
7. What we are talking about is the Israelites who were as disobedient then as we Christians are today!
8. The scripture says, “Today if you hear God’s voice, do not harden your hearts.”
9. Do you not know that God is a discerner of the thoughts and intent of man’s heart?
10. God’s word is sharper than a two edge sword!
11. When God was trying to give the Israelites Canaan, and the spies where sent to determine if the land could be taken, they were gone 40 days
12. Ten of the spies told the people the land could not be taken, however, the people failed to obey God’s anointed one – Moses
13. But when the people decided to go, it was too late and they were punished 40 years by God for their disobedience.
14. The people of God took no responsibility for their wrong doings, instead, they wanted to blame Moses, Joshua and Caleb
15. People of God, the only person that anyone can blame for their disobedience and actions is their self. God will punish us for being disobedient
16. When we could we wouldn’t, because we were babes and now we have matured, and understand who God is, we still have refused to obey God’s commands even today, and as a result the Israelites land of milk and honey became their wilderness.
17. Do not think because of our wilderness experiences we can continue to disobey God
18. The Word of God is the truth and the light – if you must error, make it on the side of God by following God’s commands!