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Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Exodus 32:30-33:6

In moments of anger we might hear someone consigned to a place no one should want to experience. Moses' astounding statement is rare, revealing the incredible reach of his love for the stubborn and wayward Israelites.

Paul expressed similar sentiments as he contemplated the fate of his countrymen: "For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people" (Rom. 9:3a, TNIV).

Such concern for the lost is a mark of uncommon love, the *agape* love that sent Jesus to the cross.

If we compared our care for others by this kind of love, I wonder if we would measure up. In the words of John Wesley, "Love soars above all mere boundaries, embracing neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies; yes, not only the good and kind but also the stubbornly wayward and ungrateful . . . every person God made . . . from any place or nation."