

Moses Intercedes Again

Description

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Exodus 32:17-35

Saved from the plagues and armies of Pharaoh, tested by a few days of leisure, the people of Israel revert back to the gods of their captors. They freely gave away their goods and energies to walk back into the sins of the past. God had good reason to be angry.

Against that anger stands the man, Moses. In spite of Israel's foolishness he loved them. He was responsible for their future. His words were strong and direct, "But now, please forgive their sin--but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written" (Exodus 32:32). Moses' love and sense of responsibility was so great that he was willing to suffer the same consequence as his people. That sense of love and identity for a sinful people would not be matched until the time of Jesus.

This narrative asks this question of every Christian, "Who do you love so much, what relationship has God placed before you that calls you to this magnitude of love?" Are you willing to say with Moses, "God, use me to bring about the salvation of this person or blot me out of the book of life"?

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