

We Are Not Alone

Description

Numbers 14:10-19.

The Israelites have had a rough time of it. They had survived slavery in Egypt. They had made an exodus from that harsh land. Then they had crossed the Red Sea with God's guidance and protection, even with the mighty Egyptian army racing to catch them. They had wandered through the desert, sustained by God, never lacking for what they needed. Finally, they found themselves at the gateway to their future: They were standing on the doorstep of the promised land.

Fear rippled through them. They forgot all that had happened. God encouraged them: "Do not fear because I am with you." Yet fear has a strong grip. How could they possibly make the choice to follow God forward into this land?

God had had enough.

Moses, however, stood before God and interceded on behalf of Israel. Moses got between God and the Israelites, and asked God for grace and forgiveness and compassion. The Israelites hadn't made good choices, yet Moses knew that God's grace could change their hearts and minds.

Think of a person you know who intercedes for those around them. Perhaps they did so for you. Now, reflect on how you can intercede for those in your life.

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