

# Releasing the Power of Intercession

Exodus 32: 7-14 People are fickle!!

Were you ever disturbed with how quickly people and the Israelites forgot what the Lord has done for them. Moses should have known early when he got to the Red Sea. **“Wasn’t there enough room in Egypt to bury us? Is that why you brought us out here to die in the desert? Why did you bring us out of Egypt anyway?” (Exodus 14: 11)**

God had a plan, (Plan A), to make the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob into a mighty nation. However, God’s plan required human cooperation, participation, and obedience. However, if the people do not obey, God was willing to find a new plan.

Now, put yourself in Moses shoes. It was and is hard to be a people pleaser. Administering God’s plan and dealing with constant complaints, and never even a thank you.

God wanted to make another plan (Plan B). Kill all the Israelites and make Moses and his descendants into a mighty nation. One would fully understand if Moses considered the offer and even agreed. But, Moses prayed; an intercessory prayer.

Let’s consider Moses approach to prayer and what we can learn from that can impact our own prayer life.

**1. Moses appealed to God on the foundation of God’s Plan A.**

We are always in God’s will when we pray for the salvation of others. Appeal to God on the basis of His plan and promises.

**2. Moses was totally selfless.** Moses sort nothing for himself but for God’s glory. He was willing to give up his share of eternal life in order for God to forgive the sins of the people.

**3. Moses was bold, almost audacious in his request.** He did not come to God timidly to cowering in fear but bold enough to wanting to look God in the eye in Exodus 33: 18.

**4. Moses knew God’s character.** When God appeared to Moses in Exodus 34:5-7 God revealed who He was and His character. Keep drawing closer to God and your intercession life will improve.

Intercession is a high and holy calling. God is always searching for someone to stand-up and pray for people so that He can turn aside from His wrath against sin and forgive them. All of us as Christian brothers are called to the ministry of prayer and intercession at some level. Some of us have a real gift for intercession and prayer, but whether gifted or not, all us are called.

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