



## Keep Serving Others

Numbers 14:11-19

**Listen!** Can you think of anything easier than writing people off?

**Reality:** There is a major problem with writing people off!

**Major Idea:** Interceding for those who have not earned it...brings great glory to God.

### The Anatomy of an Intercession:

First, the people rejected their God despite the signs they had seen Him do. (vv 11, 12)

Despite His mighty works for them the people reject their God. (v 11)

God, in exasperation, decides to wipe them out and start over with Moses. (v 12)

Second, Moses intercedes for the undeserving people by pleading God's reputation. (vv 13-19)

Moses reminds God that His own glory will be tainted and His power will be doubted if He wipes them out. (vv 13-16)

Moses begs God to show lovingkindness and pardon the sin of the people. (vv 17-19)

### For Instance:

#### Opportunities for Intercession:

- **Prayer:** Intercessory prayer for others is one of the greatest services we can give.
- **Giving:** Compassion International—Adler and Rajabu.
- **Nurturing:** Sunday morning summer workers—June through August.
- **Mentoring:** Marriage Mentor Couples--
- **Building:** Habitat for Humanity. Casas por Christos. Windows for widows.

**Listen Up!** 1 Peter 2:12. The very reputation of God is riding on our service to others.

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**Major Idea:** Interceding for those who have not earned it...brings great glory to God.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- Who are the people who interceded to help you when you had not earned it—in fact may have deserved just the opposite?
  
- What did they do for you?
  
- Read 1 Peter 2:12 and think about these questions:
  - What is excellent behavior?
  - Who are the “Gentiles” in this verse?
  - What are good deeds?
  - How does God get glory here?
  - What is the “Day of Visitation?”
  
- What specific intercession would you commit to based on God’s message to us in Numbers 14:11-19?  
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- When will you do it? \_\_\_\_\_

***“Writing people off is easy and evil. Interceding is hard and good.”***