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Tight Places for Moses

(Num. 11:10-16: Num. 14:13-20)

Intro. (Psa. 46:1, Num. 14:21-23)

Moses' Low Point (Num.11:4-6, 10-16)

1) Why hard on Thy servant? 1 Cor. 10:13, Eph3:20
2) Why not favor in Your sight? Mt. 11:28-30
3) Was it I who conceived all this people?
4) Was it I who brought them forth? Exo. 3, Isa. 40:11
5) Where am I to get meat to give all this people? Psa. 25:3
6) I am not able to carry all this people . . . too burdensome for me. 2 Cor. 12:9, 10
7) Do not let me see my own wretchedness. Num. 11:15

Moses' High Point (Num. 14:13-20)

1) Your Prestige (Eze. 20)
2) Your Promises (Isa. 55:11. Deut. 8:3)
3) Your Power (Exo. 20)

Conclusions and Applications for Today

1. Tight places can be singular or multiple but beware of fear. The secret is to cling to the Vine in our helplessness and to trust Him totally not partially.
2. He is abundantly available for help in tight places every day. Our trust in Him prepares us for the next one by faith.
3. All of us are ambushed by discouragement or frustration. Some are discouraged by the wickedness of people around us, in our nation, in our cities, and even our neighborhoods. His presence is with us, His power is not limited, and His provision is always sufficient. The more we are discouraged the more our enemy is delighted. As we rightly identify our weakness, we can see His grace applied to our lives in that weakness.
4. In Moses' weak/helpless state, God did not reprimand him but gently gave him what he needed, 70 men with the same spirit and like-minded to carry the burden of ministry.
5. Moses' prayer for non-believers, such as the Egyptians and the Canaanites is phenomenal as he reasoned with God about the value of His name. He stood in the gap as we should too.
6. The unbelief or sin of man does not invalidate God's promises!
7. His power is not limited in our sphere of movement except by our unbelief.