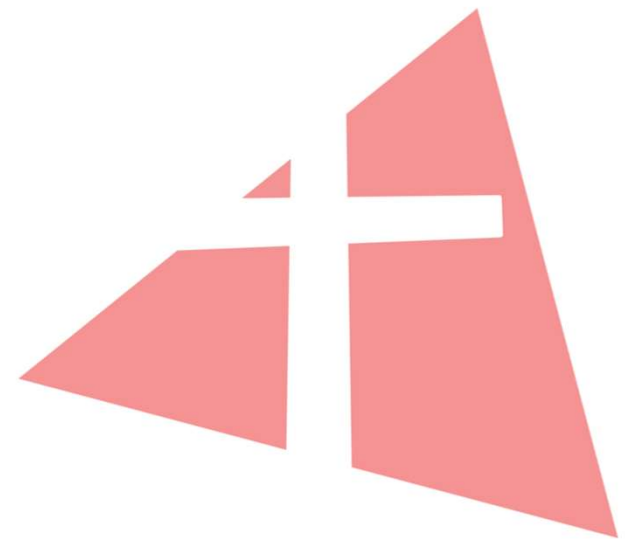


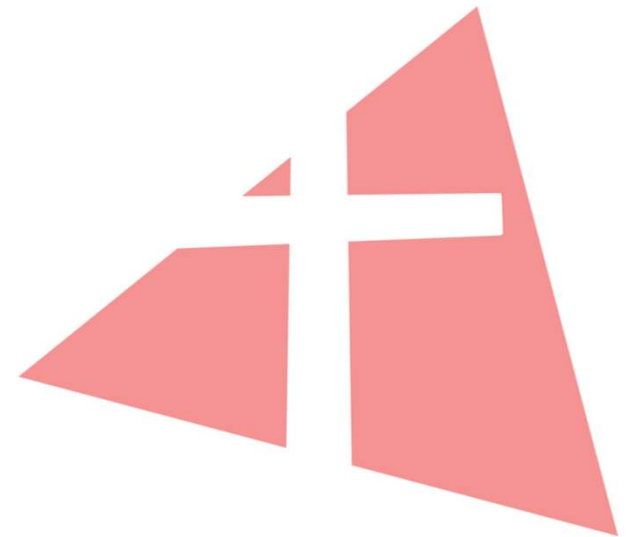
# **MOSES' PRAYER**

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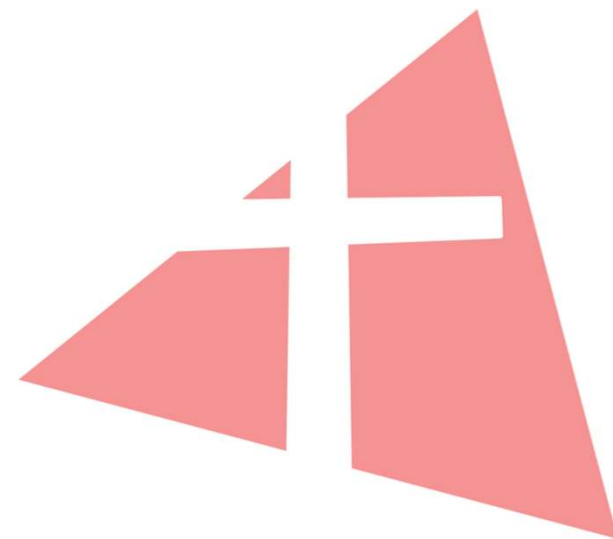
# OUR SERIES

- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **Prayer & Faith**
  - Israel's failed attempt to enter the promised land



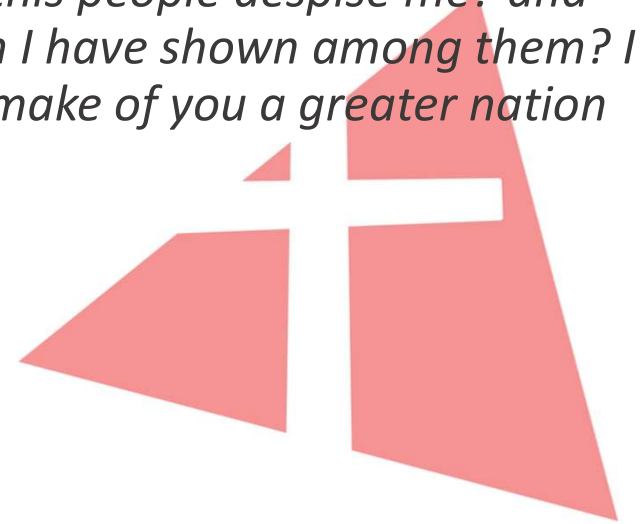
# ONE PART WE SKIPPED LAST WEEK

○ Moses' Prayer



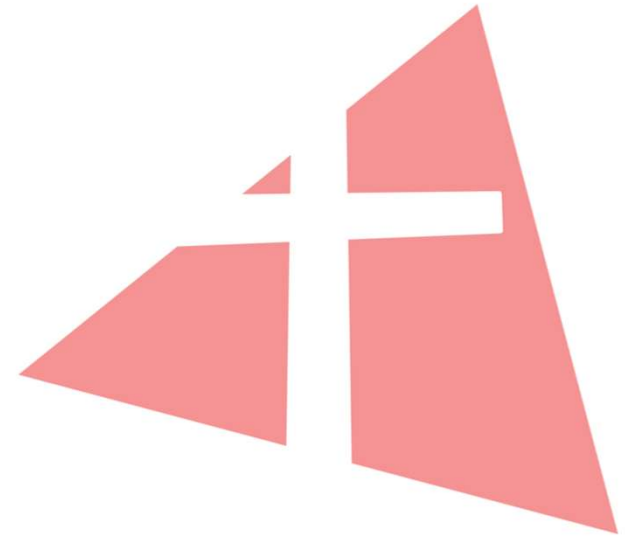
# GOD'S OFFER

*Numbers 14:11-12 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people despise me? and how long will it be before they believe me, with all the signs which I have shown among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they.*



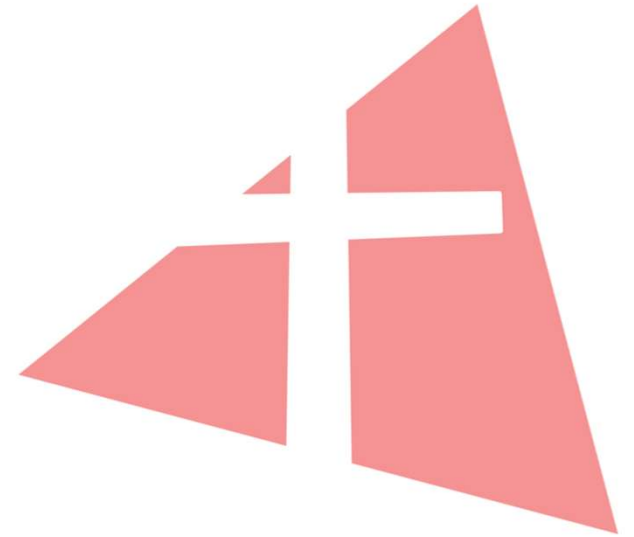
# MOSES' HISTORY

- **Moses never applied for the job**
- **Moses didn't always enjoy his job**



# MOSES HAD A CHOICE

- **Thinking about himself**
- **Thinking about God's Glory**

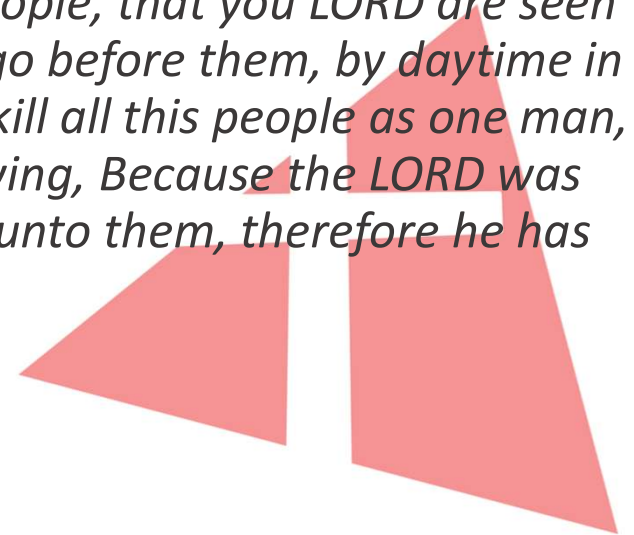


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*Numbers 14:13-19 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for you brought up this people in your might from among them;) And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that you LORD are among this people, that you LORD are seen face to face, and that your cloud stands over them, and that you go before them, by daytime in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. Now if you shall kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of you will speak, saying, Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore to give unto them, therefore he has slain them in the wilderness. And now, I beseech you, let the power of my LORD be great, according as you have spoken, saying, The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Pardon, I beseech you, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of your mercy, and as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.*

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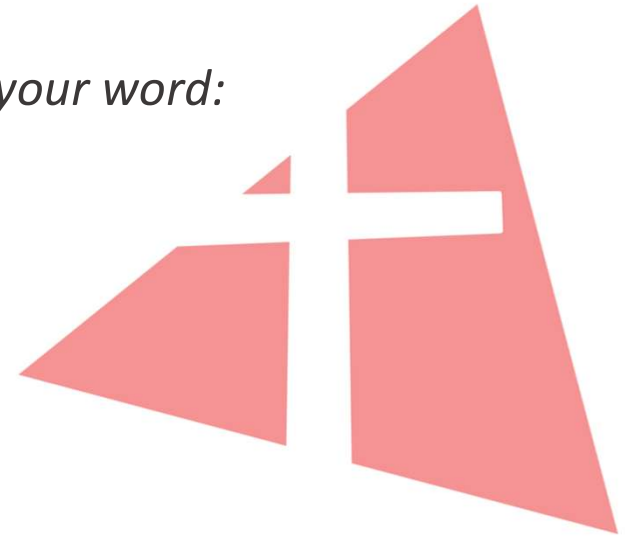
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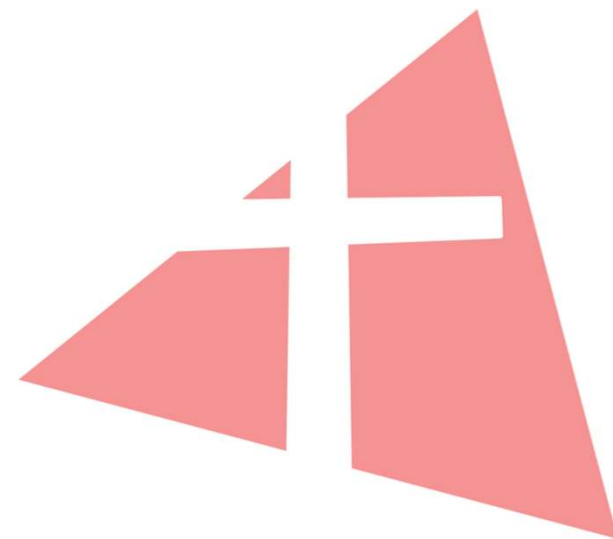
# GOD'S DECISION

*Numbers 14:20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to your word:*



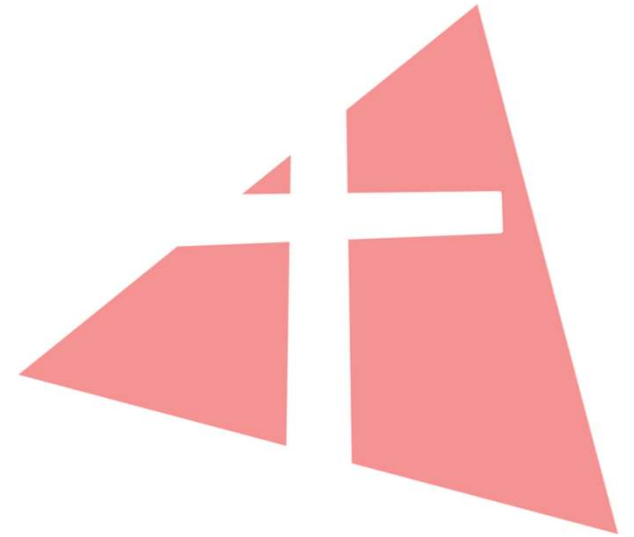
# WHAT DID MOSES FOCUS ON?

- **God's Glory**



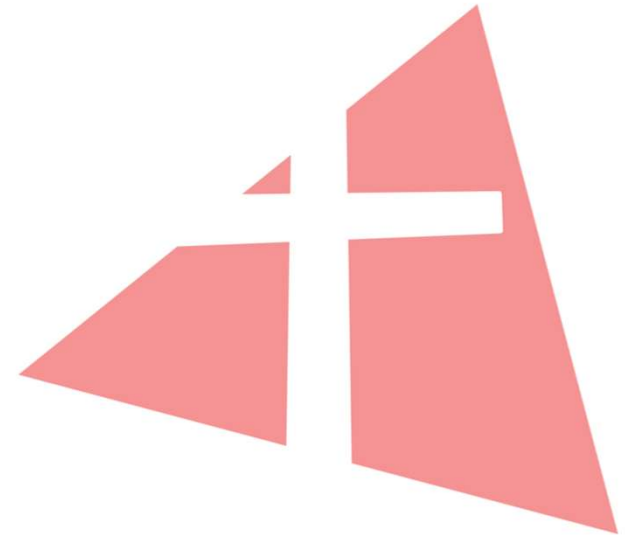
# WHAT DID MOSES NOT FOCUS ON?

- **Moses focused only on God, not on himself**



# TWO MORE THINGS

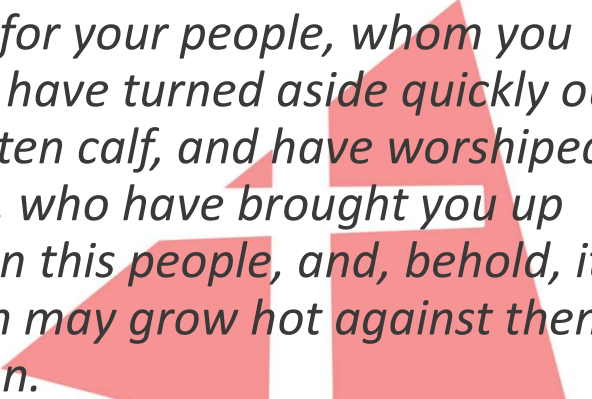
- **Moses didn't have to inform God about "what He should do"**
- **This was about exposing what was in Moses' heart**
  - Not about telling God what is best for Him



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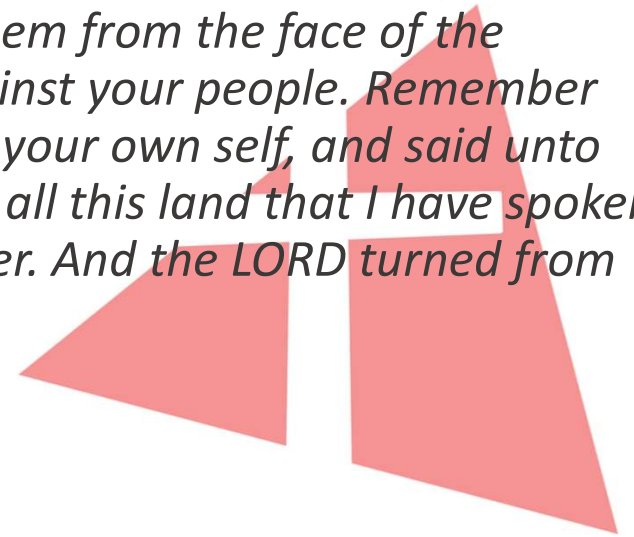
- This was already the 2nd time God and Moses had this kind of conversation
- We often think: If God offers it a second time, it must be His will

*Exodus 32:7-10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get you down; for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, who have brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may grow hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of you a great nation.*



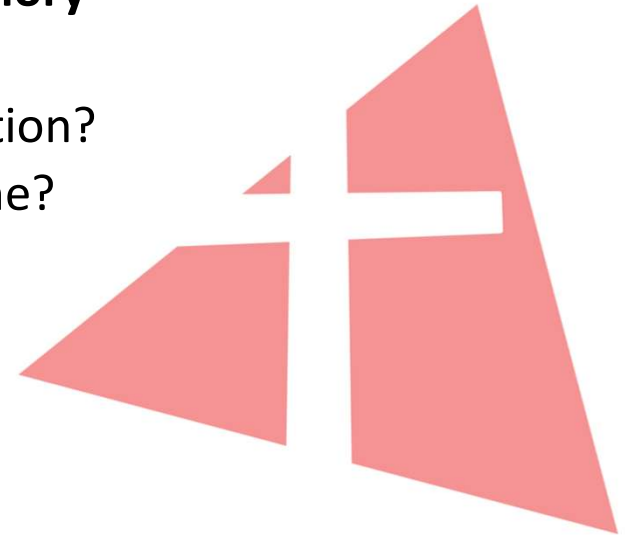
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*Exodus 32:11-14 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why does your wrath grow hot against your people, whom you have brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath, and change from this evil against your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said unto them, I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever. And the LORD turned from the evil which he thought to do unto his people.*



# PRAYER THAT WORKS

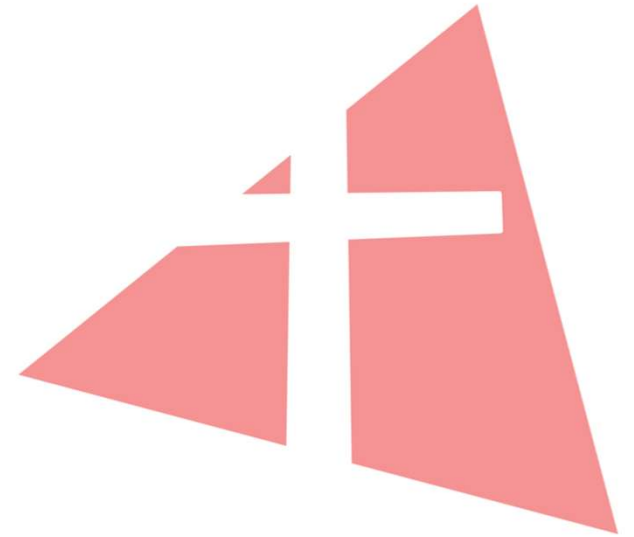
- **Moses' prayer is a great example how we can pray for God's Glory**
  - What will people think about God?
  - What does God's character say about God's will in this situation?
  - How is God's name glorified in this situation rather than mine?





# A FEW SITUATIONS WE MIGHT FACE

- **When my family members drive me crazy**
- **When my co-workers sin to get worldly results**
- **When people in the church sin**
- **When people hurt us**



# IN CONCLUSION

- **Most prayers today are not really about God's Glory (even in churches)**
- **Moses' prayer teaches us what prayer truly is**

