

Num 27:12-17

Now the LORD said to Moses: "Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was gathered. For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying: "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd."

Did you catch what was going on here in today's devotional verses?

This is close to the end of Moses' life, and there was a point during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness that Moses sinned and was not permitted to go into the Promised Land. But God did allow Moses to see the Promised Land, which we just read about. But the interesting thing is that even though Moses lead the children of Israel for forty years and was not allowed to step foot in the Promised Land, he didn't complain, but rather was still concerned for the children of Israel.

It reminds me of a time when my sister got in trouble. She was put on restriction for a week. During this whole week she whined and complained and made every else's life miserable.

We can learn from these things. When we mess up and have to pay the consequences of our sins, are we like Moses who took it and thought of the needs of others; or like my sister and make everyone else's life miserable too?

Punishment is not fun, but it's for our own good, and through it we become better Christians.

✠ **Heb 12:11** *Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*