

# Life Group/Personal Study

The Land Between • Week of June 14

In Numbers, chapter eleven, Moses and the descendants of Israel are in the Land Between. Though this place is desolated and dangerous, the LORD personally protects His people with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The LORD provides manna each day. 'Their clothes do not wear out, their feet do not swell,' according to Nehemiah 9:21. Their leader, Moses, meets with God every day in the Tent of Meeting. Incredible. And yet, the people grow weary of the monotony and Moses grows weary of their complaining.

Perhaps you are experiencing the Land Between. You know (in your head) that the Lord is with you. His promises never fail and nothing can separate you from His love. And yet, your heart just isn't tracking with what *you know*. Here is the thing: press forward. Fight depression with direction. Live what you know and not what you feel. Like Moses, we will discover that God meets us in our meltdown if we pour out our troubles to Him. That is what Moses did. God is always bigger than the problems and He is not disgusted at our plight. But we must be honest.

## Read Numbers 11:10-15

1. The Land Between can be monotonous. If you are in any position of leadership or influence, the complaints of others (even yourself) can cause you to buckle under pressure. Think about your latest meltdown. What brought it on?

God responds to Moses' honest meltdown by giving His Spirit to seventy other men who help Moses bear the burden (see Numbers 11:16-17,24-25). In our New Testament Reading this weekend from the ONE YEAR BIBLE (Acts 9), we read the incredible story of Saul of Tarsus. A persecutor of the early church, on his way to arrest believers in Damascus. When he meets the Risen Christ, Jesus says 'I have other plans for you Saul.' But before Saul (later Paul) carries the Message of Christ to the 'ends of the earth' he purposefully goes away into Arabia for three years. The apostle Paul has time in the Land Between.

## Read Acts 9:1-19 and Galatians 1:11-17

Just as God provided anointed men to help Moses, the Lord provided certain individuals to help Paul. For example: Ananias in Acts 9:10; Barnabas in Acts 11:25-26; Timothy in Acts 16:1-5; and Aquila and Priscilla in Acts 18:1-3 – to name a few.

2. Who has the Lord provided *for you* along the way – your journey of faith, ministry, and yes, times of meltdown – to assist and encourage?

What have you learned about the Lord (and yourself)?

We all have meltdowns from time-to-time. No one is exempt, not even Moses! Jesus models for us the correct way to meltdown. On the night before He took the cross, Jesus fell before *Abba* in Gethsemane. By His example, we learn where victory is won. It is on our knees.

3. Close by reading Matthew 26:36-46 and a time of prayer. Meltdown before God.

# The Land Between

Text: Acts 9:1-12, Numbers 11:10-15, Psalm 131:1-3

## Plain Truth

\_\_\_\_\_ meltdown prevents  
\_\_\_\_\_ meltdown.

1. Is it \_\_\_\_\_ 2

2. Whose \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

Prescription for Melting Down the Meltdown

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ - Honoring the \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

### One Year Bible Reading

June 14: 1 Kings 12:20-13:34, Acts 9:26-43, Psalm 132:1-18, Proverbs 17:6

June 15: 1 Kings 14:1-15:24, Acts 10:1-23, Psalm 133:1-3, Proverbs 17:7-8

June 16: 1 Kings 15:25-17:24, Acts 10:24-48, Psalm 134:1-3, Proverbs 17:9-11

June 17: 1 Kings 18:1-46, Acts 11:1-30, Psalm 135:1-21, Proverbs 17:12-13

June 18: 1 Kings 19:1-21, Acts 12:1-23, Psalm 136:1-26, Proverbs 17:14-15

June 19: 1 Kings 20:1-21:29, Acts 12:24-13:15, Psalm 137:1-9, Proverbs 17:16

June 20: 1 Kings 22:1-53, Acts 13:16-41, Psalm 138:1-8, Proverbs 17:17-18

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