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Standing in the Gap for Someone Else

Start here: Our new series is to encourage us to believe that prayer works. We don't want to focus too much on doing works, but talking to God is something that produces intimacy, relationship and trust.

Ice breaker: What person in this world do you trust the most. Tell us a little about that person and your connection with them.

Read Exodus 19:5-6

What is the one thing God required in order for Israel to receive the promise that they would be His treasured possession?

Read Exodus 19:8 and Exodus 24:7

What did Israel promise to do?

Read Exodus 24:12

What did God ask Moses to do?

Read Exodus 32:7

Why did God send Moses back down the mountain?

Read Exodus 32:8

Consider: Has there been a time that God didn't work in your timing and you turned away or ignored Him for a while? What did you learn in that and from that?

Read Exodus 32:10

How would you respond to this offer from the Lord?

Read Exodus 32:11-14

In these verses, we see Moses reject the offer to be famous and to take the opportunity to take the place of the original founding fathers of Israel (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob). Instead, Moses reminds God of His plan and encourages Him to relent. What are your thoughts on this?

Read Psalm 106:23

What area may God be asking you to stand in the gap?

Action Steps: How to Stand in the Gap for Others

1. Pray believing that God answers prayers.

In Mark 9 (verses 17-29) we read a story about a father that brings his son to Jesus for deliverance. When Jesus asks if he believes, the father says, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

Ask God to help you believe that He hears and answers prayers.

2. Pray with the Grace of God in mind.

In Exodus 32:11, Moses affirmed that God is gracious. He "reminded" God of His grace. Remember that Grace covers us and the more we lean into grace, the more rest we can have.

Read Isaiah 30:18

3. Pray with the Glory of God in mind.

Exodus 32:12

How can we pray for our current circumstances in a way that brings Glory to God?

What do we need to pray so that God gets more Glory?

4. Pray with the promises and faithfulness of God in mind.

Exodus 32:13 & 14

The Lord DID relent and allowed the people to live because of Moses's courage to intercede.

Is there something that you can "remind" God of that would boost your own faith?

Let's DO it!!

Ask God for something that He wants you to believe for.

Pray for that thing remembering that He is gracious.

Pray that He would be glorified in the answer.

Pray knowing that God asked you to pray for this and ask Him to increase your belief.