

Moses, the Friend of God:

# The Peril of Discouragement

**The Principle of Peril:** A godly life is a perilous life; you will be opposed.

What is peril?

**2 Timothy 3:12**

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

**Psalm 4:3**

**Psalm 34:17**

## A. The Peril of Discouragement (Numbers 11:1-25)

**Numbers 10:11-36** – Setting: The Israelites move out from Mount Sinai

**Numbers 11:1** – The people complained, and the Lord sent fire to the outskirts of the camp

**Numbers 11:2-3** – Moses prayed and the Lord stopped the burning

**Numbers 11:4-6** – Intense craving and grumbling

**Numbers 11:7-9** – Description of the manna which they complained about

**Numbers 11:10-15** – Moses can't handle the problem any more and wants to give up

- Moses was displeased (v10)
- “why have I not found favor in your sight?” (v11)
- “I am not able” (v14)
- “please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in your sight” (v15)

**Numbers 11:16-25** – God takes care of His discouraged friend

Two ways that God comforted Moses:

- *God sent help by sending people.* (v16-17)

- *God reminded Moses of His omnipotence.* (v21-23)

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Which verse stood out to you tonight? Why?
2. Why does godliness tend to attract opposition?
3. Where might you look for comfort if you are discouraged?