Ezekiel 33:1-33
1. Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
3. If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
4. Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him.
6. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman’s hand.
7. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.
8. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
9. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
10. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?
11. Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
12. Therefore, thou son of man, say
unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.

13. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

14. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

15. If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

16. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17. Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19. But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

20. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21. And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

22. Now the hand of the Lord was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

24. Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

26. Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

27. Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28. For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their
abominations which they have committed.
30. Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.
31. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.
32. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.
33. And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

Parable of the Sower
Text: Matthew 13:1-23

1. The Parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:1-9)
   a. One seed, 4 types of soil
      i. Road
      ii. Rocks
      iii. Weeds
      iv. Good ground
   b. The Sower is the preacher/witness
   c. The Seed is the gospel
   d. The Soil is the hearer
   e. The fruit is salvation
      i. Only one soil receives salvation

2. Why does Jesus speak in parables? (10-17)
   a. To confound, not to clarify
      i. Vs 13 “Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand”
   b. The quotation comes from Isaiah 6
      i. We must be made not to see
         1. As long as we believe we can see, we’re not ready to receive the truth of the gospel
         2. God makes it obvious how blind we are
      ii. Sometimes, God has to tear down ideas and beliefs to make us ready to receive truth from Him
      iii. V13, the seed is the stump that remains
   c. Now we can understand the parable

3. The Parable explained (18-23)
   a. The Road
      i. Compacted and hardened, not ready to receive seed.
   b. The Rocks
      i. Ready to receive, but no room for root, so the plant cannot withstand trouble
      ii. We do a disservice when we present the gospel as if we will not have problems
   c. The Weeds/Thorns
      i. Able to receive, but choked out by the cares of the road
      ii. Ensure that you are not having the true gospel choked out by the world
d. The Good Soil
   i. Having been turned over, rocks and weeds cleared, able to receive salvation

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Touch My Child and Get Hurt
Leviticus 20:1-5

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.
3 And I will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.
4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:
5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

Prayer - Sovereign Lord, let your words break our barriers and build your body. Use your Word to remove our flawed wants and mold us to your righteous will. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.

You have to love a subject like Child Sacrifice! That will get you going first thing in the morning. Maybe even better than a cup of coffee. After all we would say that this text really does not apply to us or that we don’t struggle with this sin, right? It would seem that we have this one in the bag and we could stand before God on this topic with a clear conscious? In truth, we really don’t see much of this for the most part in America except for an occasional news broadcast in a major city or an episode of Law & Order. The picture of Abraham going to sacrifice Isaac may come to our minds, but that is about it. Have you ever held your child up to throw the off a cliff? Or cut a cord of firewood to give your child as a burnt offering to a false god?

Probably not, but how else do we sacrifice Children. How else to we offer them to Molech. We sacrifice our children by not spending time with them. We sacrifice our children when we neglect to lead them in faith. We sacrifice our children to Molech when we allow them to develop a love for the things of the world and not for Christ. That is how we sacrifice the kids. Most children of Christians spend their lives worshiping Molech, sacrificing themselves to Molech while tipping their hat to Yahweh. This is because we set them up for it by not teaching them to find pleasure in exalting and loving Jehovah. Our children do not learn to be lovers of God. And this is because of us. Remember they learn from us.

In our text, God sends this warning about sacrificing His children to His faithful people – Israel; and to strangers in the land – those who are not from around here and don’t naturally honor God. Both are warned. The warning is, that if you sacrifice these beautiful children, then you will die. And the people of the land will stone you. There will be dire consequence. We need to learn from this. The lesson we need to extrapolate is not that we are to throw stones at others, but that there are definite consequences for willy-nilly care of children and for not acting as an advocate of the newer generations. We must understand that there are definite consequences for not fostering Christian Growth and opportunities for children to learn about God. We, as Christians, are to hold others accountable and be the defenders of the voiceless. We cannot let the children in our homes, in our families, and in our neighborhoods go uncared for, go
unspoken for, and go to the altar and be sacrificed to all the Molechs of this World. God does not mince words here. He does not play it safe and go politically correct. In verse 3 His words are strong and abrupt.

3. I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name.

To know that God would become your enemy, that He would set his might against you because you forsake the care of His children is fear striking. To find yourself at odds with God because you were too tired to tell you ten-year-old about your faith. Or read Holy Scripture to them. Or explain to them how to dress with dignity. We are so worried about watching American Idol, or Grey’s Anatomy, the Good Doctor, or CSI, that we cannot explain what it means when it says Jesus died for the whole world in John 3:16. The Club, the Lodge, the Spa, the Camp, the Hobby, the “Me Time,” are more important in our lives than building faith in our grandchildren, our nieces and nephews and knowing their eternity. This verse almost seems prophetic as Yahweh expresses grief about how we allow the children to be “given up” to Molech. I say this because the Holy Spirit no longer resides in tents and tabernacles, but in our hearts. The Home of Christ, our hearts, the hearts of children are being soiled before they never show up to a church because we lackadaisically care for them. He has people in our society more worried about dressing their pets in cute costumes that the souls of children. Tell me, where are our priorities?

By not valuing the next generation of believers and future church workers (who may never show up or be disqualified), we profane God’s holy name by allowing Him to become secondary. If God does not deserve prominence in your life then why should He in the 5 yr. olds, or the 8 yr. olds, or the 13-yr-old, 17 yr. olds and then why really should God ever be important. When we allow children to devote their existence to the things of this world instead of

Seeking and Savoring our magnificent Savior Jesus Christ. We offer up our children like cheap goats for sacrifice. Every time we allow them to value fashion and culture and not the Cross, we bring them to the ceremonial fire as an offering to the Molechs and Baals of this world. God has a word to those who would suffer His children, to those who would even sacrifice them. Consider this a Divine Public service announcement.

4 And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, 5 then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech. We are the gatekeepers in this, we are the guardians of their innocence, and we are their advocates, their protectors. If we sacrifice our children willing or unknowingly the result is the same. It matters not if we purposely let them go astray or if we just don’t pay attention. There are too many examples to list of this. There are to too many children that are soiling and staining their souls because adults are selfish or don’t care. Too many are unfit for service because no one loved them enough to teach them what is God honoring. The newer generations are filled with young people have been disqualified from Christian service before they are old enough to serve in an office. Be honest, how do you feel about what you do to your kids, with the grands, with the kids God allows into your life. Are you okay with what you permit them to love instead of Christ? Are the clothes okay, how about the music on their phones, or the TV the watch, are the influences in their life echoing the words of Christ and the values of God? 3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. We are able and gifted to bring this about. We can bring back home devotionals – teach our children at home, let them see you in Bible study, let them see you as a believer.
It sounds crazy, but it’s in most of our Church Covenant. You see by allowing them to love the world and follow it, or as the Bible says "whoring," we will be cut off from God for it. These children are being prostitutes; they are selling themselves to this world when they should belong to Christ the King Almighty. They sell their souls as well as their bodies and they don’t even know it. But we can help change this - here are some ways... Don’t let just them spend money as they see fit, set guidelines, teach them - it is a hypocrite who says I can believe they wore when in fact they took them to the mall and paid for it. Shop with your children. And for inappropriate behavior or dress, gently correct and explain - don’t just admonish - speak truth in love. Sharp correction cuts and divides. Often someone is hurt by the correction of another not because of the actual correction but by the way it was done, the tone that was used and by the lack of explanation. Let us be careful with our words. They can be weapons. Instead of yelling, complaining, and bellyaching, here is what we can do to help with the problems we see and the concerns we have. We role model for the children in our families whether it be cousins, or nephews, or sibling or grandchild. We can include them in Bible study. We can support their spiritual questions. We can talk to the about Church and the Lord. We can share spiritual failures and explains our mistakes. Dealing honestly with build a relationship of trust and they won’t see you as a hypocrite. We can reach out to children in our communities - backyard ministries, offer car rides to church, after school snack and Bible time. Offer to help with homework. Support VBS. Look for and pray for the opportunities to share Christ with the Lord’s children. We can volunteer in Children’s ministries to make sure children hear the Gospel, have role models of faith and personal contact with Christians. We can pray for the children of Church and the Community. Help provide Bibles and Bible study materials, even if they won’t come to

church. We can meet them where they are. That is a start. That is a beginning. That real ministry. There hundreds of ways to affect kids for Christ and so that He can effect their lives and Christ will infect their lives. Jesus died to invest in their lives and give them eternal life just as much as yours and mine. Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Let’s share it! But most of all to help the children, we must start with us. You must know the Gospel, believe the Gospel, be changed, and transformed by the Gospel; you must love the Gospel, live the Gospel, teach Gospel, and ooze the Gospel from your pores. You must be born again so that you can help them know Christ as their personal Savior. So, what is the Gospel, here is the Gospel in 60 seconds There is one God, He made us, He made us in His image, He made us good, we’ve sinned against Him and we’ve fallen. God would be just and good to judge us eternally, but in His amazing love, the eternal Son of God has taken on flesh, became incarnate. Jesus Christ, fully man, fully God, lived the life we should live, He lived perfectly, died on the cross, in the place of our sins, in the place of everyone who will repent of their sins and trust in Him. God raised Him from the dead, He ascended into heaven, He will return in the same manner and He calls us to repent of our sins and trust in Him. He will give us new life, fill us with the Holy Spirit, give us the new birth, and adopt us as His reconciled children forever. That is the Gospel in sixty seconds or less, but it will change your life forever if you will believe it and trust it. It will do the same if you share it with children and teach it to them.

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God Provides Signs and a Savior for His People
Exodus 4

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters to what lies within us.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson: The mistakes of yesterday do not define us. Nor do our fear of tomorrow. We are products of grace that are still in the process. We don’t have to be great because our God is. Emerson’s quote is great for helping us keep perspective. It means that what seem like big or difficult things in our lives are small compared to the determination and ability within us. Often, we feel hollow. Empty. Hopeless. We have nothing good on the inside. But what is greater than our will or drive? The supreme power and call of God. By nature, I am reserved, quiet, and shy. Yet through Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit, I am able to overcome my natural inklings as a human. With God, we can achieve and do more than what is humanly possible. So, let God speak to us through His holy word and lead us forward in faith.

1-8 God Does Miraculous Things Through You To Reach Others

Exodus 4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.
2. And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
3. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
4. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
5. That they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
6. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.
7. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.
8. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. Moses feels inept.

I. Unequipped. That he can't do the job. Creeping into his mind is the idea that he's not qualified. And why would they believe him. And his past haunts him. It keeps him from thinking that he can do this. That God can use him. Somebody else must be better because they haven't messed up like I have. After all he killed a man. Moses has such self-doubt that he tells God, “No one will believe me when I tell them that God appeared to me with the message from you.” Moses doesn't even bring up the idea of telling people that he saw a burning bush talk. Just the fact that if Moses, an imperfect man, says God came down to meet with me so I could give you a message, he knows people with think he is crazy and discredit him. Often, we feel our past keeps up from being able to go forward. That we are not good enough. That we are to messed up to be used. When we reach the limitations of our natural abilities, that is when God does the supernatural. When we have done all that is humanly possible, God does the impossible. We need to quit letting out limitations limit what God is able to do. By that I mean, we need to stop letting our imperfections be our excuse to not be able to serve God.

Miracles my friends, are living Parables. They are to help us understand what God is saying. God uses them as a visual media to communicate to us so that we get it. So that we understand. So that it’s sinks In. Miracles are illustrations of spiritual things that we might have a hard time understanding. Moses on his own, could never have turned his staff into a snake. He
could never have changed his hand physically, but with God... but with God he could do miracles. God did Miracles through Moses so that way he might reach and save his people. And God will use you to do amazing things to reach His people too. He will lead you to do things that you could not do on your own, and that would make you uncomfortable.

9-17 God Equips You With the Words You Need

9. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.
10. And Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.
11. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord?
12. Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
13. And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.
14. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.
15. And thou shalt speak unto him and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.
16. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.
17. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

They say that excuses are like elbows. Everyone has one or two. And Moses is a well-armed man when it comes to excuses. But then again you and I are too, aren’t we, God is willing to do miraculous things to reach people, but Moses is thinking of himself. He keeps telling God that He is not good with words. He mumbles. He stammers. He is not quick tongued. Or a smooth talker. He says he is slow to speak like he is a Southerner with a Georgia draw. Moses keeps focusing on his limitations instead of God’s possibilities. He dwells on his weakness instead of God’s strength. He put the emphasis on himself and not the person of God. Moses had a dual role here. He is the sign giver ala miracle, and the interpreter. Just as in the book of Acts, when the sign gift of speaking in tongues there had to be an interpreter. A translation had to happen, or somebody had to explain to you what was going on. But Moses wants out. He wants to run like he did after killing the Egyptian. Moses’ attitude was so poor that the Lord called him on it. God asked him, “Who do you think I am. Do you not know I am the Creator? I created you and your mouth. I made the universe and you. I make the blind see and the lame to walk. I raise the Sun up each day and raise the Dead from the grave. “So, He tells Moses, “I'll give you the words to say,” to which Moses replied, “Can't you pick someone else?” When the most high God chooses you for service it is an honor. And when He calls upon you to deliver somebody from bondage, whether it is spiritual or physical, it is a high privilege. At another time we have seen in Scripture where Esau gave up his family Birthright to Jacob or a bowl of soup. I wonder what blessings we trade we try to pass the buck when God calls us to be part of redeeming people passing the buck does not honor God it says you are wrong God I know better than you This kind of attitude is rebellious and full of unbelief. And Moses’ attitude angered God. Jehovah God is prepared to cripple Egypt through Moses, but he is not ready to become that
deliver. Moses still feels that success is dependent upon his ability and not God’s supreme power. God wanted more for Moses than Moses desired from God. Moses wants just enough, but not too much of God and what he has in store for him. And often that is our story, we have a list of wants from God, but we don’t want all that God has for us. 2 Kings 13:18-19 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice and stayed. 19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

This is another case we’re willing to accept lesser than what God has for us. The king of hand was willing just to smack the arrows on the ground a couple of times. When he should have been swinging those arrows back and forth left and right up and down repeatedly. And so, he only got a portion of what God ultimately desired for him. Is that what you are looking for. Just a portion of God’s greatness. I hope that’s not true. Often, we are more comfortable with the familiarity of mediocrity than the vulnerability that will lead to greatness? It is like we are scared of the great things God wants to bring into our lives. Maybe this is because often they come in faith. In being selfless. And there even might be the need of a little elbow grease. Moses so fleshly this moment. He is so stubborn, but God desires for him to be part of this great moment. Our Lord even is willing to allow Aaron to help Moses. But God will teach both of them. And Moses will have to give the words to Aaron to speak Erin is going to act as Moses's megaphone. No matter what sign or words, power or promise, Moses does not want to follow through on God's plan. Moses feels that he is sharing the burden with Aaron, but really he is sharing the glory. In Moses his mind he'll do the signs, and Aaron will do the speaking.

18-23 God Sends You to Places of Great Need

18. And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. 19. And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life. 20. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. 21. And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. 22. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: 23. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

This is the 2nd part of Moses’ mission. 1st he was to perform wonders before the Israelites, but now his commission includes dealing with Pharaoh, who wants him dead. The first is the intimation of God’s divine judgement against Pharaoh: ‘I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. In spite of miracles and threats of judgement, Pharaoh’s heart and mind will not bend to the things of God. But who hardens Pharaoh’s heart? Is it God, as this verse seems to suggest? Or is it Pharaoh himself? The answer is...both. God’s solemn, sovereign judgement on Pharaoh is simply that He will leave Pharaoh to his own devices, to the sinfulness and rebellion of his own heart. Moses is made aware of God’s judgement on Pharaoh; but the responsibility for his refusal to obey is Pharaoh’s own. Just as, in a later generation, it was God’s sovereign purpose
that Jesus should die, so those who crucified him had to bear responsibility for it. There is no contradiction between God’s sovereignty and our responsibility.

24-29 God Is Glorified by Your Faithful Service

24. And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him.
25. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.
26. So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.
27. And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.
28. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded him.
29. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel:
30. And Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people.
31. And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

In route to Egypt, Yahweh God appears to Moses and his family as they camped for the night. Then things take a blizzard twist. This meeting becomes a life-threatening event. With the possibility of death at hand Moses is faced with self-examination. He must have realized that what he had perhaps previously thought might have been excused as an insignificant lapse on his part- that his son was not circumcised. It was a violation of the Abrahamic covenant. But he does not act, he wife does. This all echoes back to what God said...

Genesis 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Seeing the severity of the situation, Zipporah did something she wouldn’t have had to do had Moses taken the leadership earlier. She quickly took a flint knife and cut off her son's foreskin, and touched Moses’ feet with it. Moses kept lamenting about what He could not do, yet he did not handle what he could do. He was not faithful to the covenant. And it almost cost him his life. But God relents and releases him, letting him live and return to worship with Aaron in the desert so they may prepare to preach to Israel. So Moses and Aaron gathered the leaders of Israel. Aaron told them all that Jehovah God shared with Moses and demonstrated the wonders before the people. Israel listened and trusted that Yahweh was concerned with their affliction. God Is Glorified by Your Faithful Service, just like Israel believed because of Moses’. And their hearts were touched, so they bowed low and they worshiped the one One True God.

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3 steps to confront paint.
Lamentations 3:32
But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Introduction:
The most important thing is to put our faith in Christ as Savior. The Bible gives us some advice about it.

1. Go to the God of consolation.
   Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father or mercies, and the God of all comfort.
   2-Corinthians 1:3
2. Obtain the consolation of the people that God sends to your life.
   Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus.
   2-Corinthians 7:6

3. Reinforce your faith by also consoling others.
   Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Conclusion:

When we face the pain due to the trials of life, we should;
1. Go to the God of consolation.
2. Obtain the consolation of the people that God sends to your life.
3. Reinforce your faith by consoling others.

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