

Every Day Is Urgent

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Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written." Exodus 32:31-32 NKJV

As I sorted through my emails, an urgent prayer request flashed across my screen. Missionaries were requesting prayer for the hundreds of thousands of people in Asia who were about to experience a major natural disaster. If the storms indeed hit as anticipated, these many thousands would lose their lives.

I dropped to my knees to intercede for the Asian people, and the gravity of the moment hit me: this is real. At that moment, thousands upon thousands of people were weeping and panicked. The weakest and most helpless souls were especially vulnerable, but even men and women with great physical strength were no more sheltered from danger. I began to pray for God to have mercy on this multitude of people who worshipped false gods, asking God to spare them for another opportunity to receive Jesus. My mind raced as I considered these masses of false worshippers slipping into eternity without Christ, entering into a place called hell. God whispered to me, Kimberly, this happens every day.

As Moses cried out to the Lord to intercede for the people, he acknowledged their sins before God, but he loved them so fervently that he could not imagine an eternity in heaven without them. Today, over 6 billion people belong to unreached people groups across the globe, and today, several of them will die without the atoning blood of Christ covering their sins. Are you moved with compassion for the many souls in need of the Savior? Ask God to burden your heart for the lost in the world who are worshipping false gods, and intercede on their behalf before the Heavenly Father. Go a step further, and encourage others to join you in praying for unreached people groups. Open your heart to find ways you can bring the gospel to them. Every day is urgent.

(For more information on unreached people groups, you might want to visit www.joshuaproject.net.)