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How to coexist with the enemy

When the Israelites entered the land of Canaan

Numbers 33

33:51 And you told the Israelites that when you crossed the Jordan River into Canaan,

33:52 And he will drive out from your presence, destroy all the stone statues they have made, and destroy all the idols they have made, and destroy all their altars.

33:55 If you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, the inhabitants that remain, you will be thorns in your eyes, thorns in your ribs, and harass you on the ground where you live.

Reconciling with the enemy and coexistence in one place usually requires a number of constructive approaches and strategies to reduce hostility and promote dialogue and cooperation. Here are some ways that may help achieve this inclusion:

Seeking Common Interests: Finding common interests or goals shared with the enemy so that both parties can work together to achieve those goals. This can help build a foundation for communion.

Respect each other: Respect the other person's views and rights, even if you disagree with them. Respect is the key to building trust.

Open dialogue: Try to have an open and respectful dialogue to understand the other person's position and concerns. Avoid aggressive words and attitudes.

Adopt a calm attitude: Stay calm and avoid emotional reactions. A calm attitude helps to establish a constructive dialogue.

Seek third-party assistance: If needed, consider engaging a neutral third party to assist in facilitating dialogue and negotiation.

Cooperative problem solving: Try to find a solution to the problem together, not just confrontation. Use problem-solving methods to deal with disputes.

Patience and persistence: Being in the same place usually takes time, and don't expect to see results immediately. Persistence and patience are very important for building relationships.

Learn tolerance: Tolerance is part of building communion. Learn to tolerate different perspectives and lifestyles.

Seek consensus: Seek consensus as much as possible so that both parties can accept a final solution.

Learn to protect yourself: Although you want to reconcile with your enemies, learn to protect your rights and needs and ensure that they are not abused.

Living together and reconciling can take a lot of effort and time, and may not always be successful. But through the above methods, you can work to promote harmony and build more positive relationships.

The Christian Bible contains many verses that teach believers how to reconcile and live together with their enemies. Here are some relevant verses:

Matthew 5:43-48: In this passage, Jesus teaches believers to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them to reveal God's children. This is an important lesson in loving your enemies.

Romans 12:17-21: These verses teach believers not to reward evil with evil, but to seek peace and to be kind to those who persecute them. This underscores the value of love and reconciliation.

Ephesians 4:31-32: This passage teaches that believers should be free from all bitterness, anger, anger, contention, and slander, and to treat one another with mercy and forgive one another, just as God forgave us in Christ.

Colossians 3:13: This verse teaches believers to endure one another and forgive one another. This is an important step towards building reconciliation and coexistence.

These verses emphasize the values of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace, which are the basic principles of coexistence with the enemy. Believers can use these teachings to guide their actions and work to build an environment of peace and reconciliation.

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you to thank you for your love and grace. We know that you taught us to love our enemies, seek peace, and forgive those who are unkind to us. We humbly ask for your help to practice these teachings, no matter what difficulties or hostilities we encounter.

Give us wisdom so that we can understand and respect those who hold different views. Help us to seek common ground to build peaceful relations.

Let your love fill our hearts so that we can love our enemies as you love us. Give us resilience in our hearts to endure and forgiveness, and let our actions and words demonstrate your love.

We also ask you to pray for those who are hostile to us. Open their hearts so that they too can understand and receive the message of peace. May your peace come between us and help us to live together and build an environment of love and peace.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Numbers chapter 33

Nu. 33:1 Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

Nu. 33:2 At the LORD's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey. This is their journey by stages:

Nu. 33:3 The Israelites set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, the day after the Passover. They marched out boldly in full view of all the Egyptians,

Nu. 33:4 who were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them; for the LORD had brought judgment on their gods.

Nu. 33:5 The Israelites left Rameses and camped at Succoth.

Nu. 33:6 They left Succoth and camped at Etham, on the edge of the desert.

Nu. 33:7 They left Etham, turned back to Pi Hahiroth, to the east of Baal Zephon, and camped near Migdol.

Nu. 33:8 They left Pi Hahiroth [Many manuscripts of the Masoretic Text, Samaritan Pentateuch and Vulgate; most manuscripts of the Masoretic Text left from before Hahiroth] and passed through the sea into the desert, and when they had travelled for three days in the Desert of Etham, they camped at Marah.

Nu. 33:9 They left Marah and went to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there.

Nu. 33:10 They left Elim and camped by the Red Sea. [Hebrew Yam Suph; that is, Sea of Reeds; also in verse 11]

Nu. 33:11 They left the Red Sea and camped in the Desert of Sin.

Nu. 33:12 They left the Desert of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

Nu. 33:13 They left Dophkah and camped at Alush.

Nu. 33:14 They left Alush and camped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

Nu. 33:15 They left Rephidim and camped in the Desert of Sinai.

Nu. 33:16 They left the Desert of Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah.

Nu. 33:17 They left Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.

Nu. 33:18 They left Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.

Nu. 33:19 They left Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez.

Nu. 33:20 They left Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah.

Nu. 33:21 They left Libnah and camped at Rissah.

Nu. 33:22 They left Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.

Nu. 33:23 They left Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.

Nu. 33:24 They left Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.

Nu. 33:25 They left Haradah and camped at Makheloth.

Nu. 33:26 They left Makheloth and camped at Tahath.

Nu. 33:27 They left Tahath and camped at Terah.

Nu. 33:28 They left Terah and camped at Mithcah.

Nu. 33:29 They left Mithcah and camped at Hashmonah.

Nu. 33:30 They left Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

Nu. 33:31 They left Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan.

Nu. 33:32 They left Bene Jaakan and camped at Hor Haggidgad.

Nu. 33:33 They left Hor Haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

Nu. 33:34 They left Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.

Nu. 33:35 They left Abronah and camped at Ezion Geber.

Nu. 33:36 They left Ezion Geber and camped at Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.

Nu. 33:37 They left Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the border of Edom.

Nu. 33:38 At the LORD's command Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor, where he died on the first day of the fifth month of the fortieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt.

Nu. 33:39 Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

Nu. 33:40 The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev of Canaan, heard that the Israelites were coming.

Nu. 33:41 They left Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

Nu. 33:42 They left Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

Nu. 33:43 They left Punon and camped at Oboth.

Nu. 33:44 They left Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim, on the border of Moab.

Nu. 33:45 They left Iyim [That is, Iye Abarim] and camped at Dibon Gad.

Nu. 33:46 They left Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim.

Nu. 33:47 They left Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of

Abarim, near Nebo.

Nu. 33:48 They left the mountains of Abarim and camped on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho. [Hebrew Jordan of Jericho; possibly an ancient name for the Jordan River; also in verse 50]

Nu. 33:49 There on the plains of Moab they camped along the Jordan from Beth Jeshimoth to Abel Shittim.

Nu. 33:50 On the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho the LORD said to Moses,

Nu. 33:51 “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you cross the Jordan into Canaan,

Nu. 33:52 drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you. Destroy all their carved images and their cast idols, and demolish all their high places.

Nu. 33:53 Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Nu. 33:54 Distribute the land by lot, according to your clans. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one. Whatever falls to them by lot will be theirs.

Distribute it according to your ancestral tribes.

Nu. 33:55 “‘But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live.

Nu. 33:56 And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them.’”

In Numbers 33, God instructs Moses to record the journey of the Israelites from Egypt to the plains of Moab, near the Jordan River. The chapter lists the various stops made along the way, including the Red Sea, Mount Sinai, and various other locations. The journey is recorded in

detail, including the various campsites and the distance between each stop. The chapter emphasizes the faithfulness of God in guiding and providing for the Israelites throughout their journey, despite their disobedience and rebellion at times.

Here are the key verses in Chapter 33 of the Book of Numbers:

1. "These are the stages of the people of Israel, when they went out of the land of Egypt by their companies under the leadership of Moses and Aaron." (Numbers 33:1)
2. "Moses wrote down their starting places, stage by stage, by command of the Lord, and these are their stages according to their starting places." (Numbers 33:2)
3. "They set out from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the day after the Passover, the people of Israel went out triumphantly in the sight of all the Egyptians," (Numbers 33:3)
4. "For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the Lord had struck down among them. On their gods also the Lord executed judgments." (Numbers 33:4)
5. "And the people of Israel set out from Succoth and encamped at Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness." (Numbers 33:5)
6. "And they set out from before Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and they went a three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham and camped at Marah." (Numbers 33:8)
7. "And they set out from Marah and came to Elim; at Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they camped there." (Numbers 33:9)
8. "And they set out from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin." (Numbers 33:11)
9. "They set out from Kibroth-hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth." (Numbers 33:17)
10. "And they set out from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho;" (Numbers 33:49)

These are some of the key verses in Chapter 33 of the Book of Numbers that list the stages of Israel's journey from Egypt to the plains of Moab.

Chapter 33 of the Book of Numbers provides a detailed account of the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the plains of Moab. It lists each location where they camped along the way, recalling the significant milestones of their wilderness wanderings. Here's a reflection on some key themes and lessons from Numbers 33:

God's Faithfulness and Guidance: The chapter highlights God's faithfulness and guidance throughout the Israelites' journey. It recounts how God led them step by step, providing for their needs, protecting them from enemies, and guiding them through unfamiliar territory.

Reflection: This chapter reminds us of God's unwavering faithfulness and guidance in our own lives. It prompts us to reflect on the various stages of our personal journey and recognize how God has been present and active in each step. It encourages us to trust in His leading, even when the path seems uncertain or challenging. By looking back on God's faithfulness, we can find confidence and reassurance for the future.

Remembrance and Gratitude: The chapter serves as a call to remember and reflect on the journey the Israelites have undertaken. It emphasizes the importance of gratitude for God's provision and deliverance throughout their wilderness wanderings.

Reflection: This chapter prompts us to cultivate a spirit of remembrance and gratitude. It encourages us to reflect on the ways God has led us, provided for us, and protected us in our own journey of faith. It invites us to express gratitude for His faithfulness and the blessings He has bestowed upon us. By intentionally remembering and giving thanks, we develop a deeper appreciation for God's work in our lives.

Learning from Past Mistakes: The chapter also mentions some of the places where the Israelites experienced challenges, rebellion, and consequences for their disobedience. It serves as a reminder of the importance of learning from past mistakes and seeking to grow in faith and obedience.

Reflection: This chapter highlights the significance of learning from past experiences and seeking personal growth. It prompts us to reflect on our own journey and consider areas where we may have faltered or struggled. It encourages us to repent, seek God's forgiveness, and make changes that align with His will. By learning from our past mistakes, we can grow in faith and walk more closely with God.

The Fulfillment of God's Promises: The chapter concludes with a reminder of the nearing fulfillment of God's promise to give the Israelites possession of the Promised Land. It foreshadows their imminent arrival and serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His covenant.

Reflection: This chapter points us to the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives. It reminds us that God's faithfulness extends beyond the journey and leads us to our ultimate destination. It encourages us to trust in God's promises and anticipate His fulfillment in His perfect timing. By holding onto the assurance of His faithfulness, we can find hope and perseverance as we press onward in our journey of faith.

Overall, Numbers 33 addresses themes of God's faithfulness and guidance, remembrance and gratitude, learning from past mistakes, and the fulfillment of God's promises. By reflecting on these themes, we can appreciate God's faithfulness in our journey, cultivate gratitude, seek personal growth, and trust in the.