

THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

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Gerard Hoet, "The Promulgation of the Law on Mount Sinai" (1728) Rijksmuseum

Exodus 19:1-6

בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי לְצֵאת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה בָּאוּ מִדְּבַר סִינַי:

וַיִּסְעוּ מֵרְפִידִים וַיָּבֹאוּ מִדְּבַר סִינַי וַיַּחֲנוּ בְּמִדְבַר נִיֶּסֶר־שֵׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל גִּגְד הַהָר:

וּמִשָּׁה עָלָה אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו יְהוָה מִן־הַהָר לֵאמֹר כֹּה תֹאמַר לְבַיִת יִעֲקֹב וּתְגִיד לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

אַתֶּם רְאוּתֶם אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי לְמִצְרַיִם וְאֲשָׂא אֶתְכֶם עַל־כַּנְפֵי נְשָׂרִים וְאָבֵא אֶתְכֶם אֵלָי:

וְעַתָּה אִם־שָׁמְעוּ תִשְׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹלִי וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־בְּרִיתִי וְהִיְתֶם לִי סִגְלָה מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים כִּי־לִי כָל־הָאֶרֶץ:

וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ־לִי מְמַלְכֶת כְּהַנִּים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ אֱלֹהֵי הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר תִּדְבַּר

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On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone forth from the land of Egypt, on that very day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai. Having journeyed from Rephidim, they entered the wilderness of Sinai and encamped in the wilderness. Israel encamped there in front of the mountain, and Moses went up to God. God called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel: "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Me. Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine, but you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Reflective Question

When did a kind or encouraging word from someone help prepare you for a difficult task ahead?

Leadership Challenge

What pep talk do you need to hear right now or need to give right now as a leader?