

## ***New Sermon Series: Living Successfully for God***

9/7/25 “Old Dents,” Deut. 3:21-29, MEV

**INTRODUCTION** Sinned against God since salvation? Feared He doesn’t love you anymore? Won’t use you?

Context: defeated 2 kings: Sihon, king of Heshbon, & Og, king of Bashan; with God’s power/help; *division of land begins*

Background: Moses sinned in Nu 20:1-12

Caution: Our old man is always present, no matter how much we grow, how much God uses us, or how intimate we are with God.

**MAIN IDEA: God loves us despite our failings.** Really? Here are four types of evidence.

### **I. First, relationship (23-26)**

- A. God will still listen to us
- B. God will let us know how He feels (27)
  - 1. not walling us off
  - 2. but placing boundaries
- C. God won’t abandon us, rage, or give us silent treatment
  - 1. He is sometimes silent for other reasons
  - 2. He loves us as a good father does a child

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **II. Second, consequences (25-26)**

- A. God will respond to our fall
  - 1. sometimes limiting us
  - 2. sometimes raising up another in our place
- B. God uses consequences to teach us—to help us grow
  - 1. natural ones...Spirit teaches us...*don’t lie*
  - 2. ones He imposes...*no Promised land*

**Proverbs 3:11-12, CEV: 11** My child, don't turn away or become bitter when the LORD corrects you. **12** The LORD corrects everyone he loves, just as parents correct their favorite child.

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **III. Third, compassion (27)**

- A. He really loves us & wants to give us good gifts
  - 1. according to His wisdom
  - 2. in helping us become like Jesus
- B. He tries to help us see that we hinder ourselves by allowing our flesh to control us
  - 1. we become less like Jesus
  - 2. we become like those who have hurt us
- C. He might allow us some of what we desire

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

#### **IV. Finally, value (28)**

- A. He entrusts us with other work

**EX:** Moses to help Joshua... charge him, encourage, strengthen him

- 1. helping others to achieve His goal for them
- 2. encouraging others... *reminding them what He has already done*

- B. He gives us opportunity to grow in humility
  - 1. possibly to encourage our replacement

**NOTE:** Human tendency is to subvert our replacement out of spite.

- 2. to help others to succeed

- C. He might have something for us we can’t yet see...*Moses talking with Jesus (Mark 9)*

### **ILLUSTRATION:**

### **CONCLUSION:**

**ALTAR: Forgiveness/salvation.** Think God has quit on you? Thinking of giving up on yourself? Think the consequences are too much to bear? Struggling to encourage others?