

call this Moses' Prayer of Exhaustion. He calls on the Lord to kill him. He says, How can I do what you ask me to. It's just impossible. They say that Spurgeon one time when his work was going along well in London as far as others could see, and when money had been raised for building a new great tabernacle that could have a great many more people in it than those he had been having, that he got into a fit of discouragement and disheartenment where he just lay in his bed and gave way to utter anguish and saw no future whatever to his work. And that the leaders came in and he said, We can't ever finance this; we can't possibly raise this; we're just in an utterly impossible situation. And they took the money that had been raised and brought it in and poured it on the bed for him to see it, in order for him to actually see visibly the situation were not as bad as he felt that they had become. Surgeon worked a tremendous pace. He prepared sermons that attracted thousands from all over England. He built up a training school. He had a paper that he wrote a great deal for every week. He issued commentaries and writings of many different sorts. He worked at a tremendous pace. And he got overtired and discouraged and upset, On a few occasions in his life. But most who do a great work have these periods of exhaustions, these periods when it just seems that they can't possibly go on. And here was Moses who saw these people he'd led out of Egypt, and he had done so much for and he had represented God in such wonderful ways to them and here they are all weepings in their tents and saying, O my think what we had in Egypt. What fools we were to leave. And Moses simply felt like saying, What's the use. There's nothing more I can do about it. I'd just like to forget the whole business. His prayer of exhaustion. I think we should have sympathy with great leaders when they have periods like this, when they have times of exhaustion. I think we should realize that if we are going to serve the Lord effectively we are going to have periods ~~of~~ when we'll feel like Moses did here, but we should learn to gather the Lord's strength to carry us through these periods, and to stand for Him effectively and to keep ourselves in physical condition where we ~~are~~ are less apt to get into them just as far as possible. Learn to relax, learn to have a reservoir of strength for the difficulties/situations that are bound to come.