*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**ONE MOMENT!**

“Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” (**Numbers 20:10 ESV)**

Things happen. Irrespective of how we intend to conceal our intentions, some happenings expose us beyond our imagination! Moses had walked with God for years. He had put his life on the line, confronting Pharaoh, the commander of the deadliest army of his time. He fearlessly confronted the Egyptians’ magicians. Through him, incredible signs and wonders were performed, including the parting of the Red Sea. Ultimately, Moses appeared to be indispensable. Sad to state, though, Moses deviated from the instructions he was given by God. His statement in the above verse of the Scripture is quite telling.

For the extent he had gone with God, no one would ever imagine him receiving lashes for wrongdoing. But “God is no respecter of persons.” **(Act 10:34 KJV)**

Moses more or less equated himself with God. What a tragedy! Moses said, “Hear now, you rebels;” challenging the people God chose as if they amounted to nothing. His next statement was even more disturbing. He said, “Shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” The question is, who are the ‘we’ in that statement?

Further in the following verse, the Bible states that Moses struck the rock twice, and water gushed out, and the people drank. Unfortunately, the Apostle Paul revealed that, “that rock was Christ” (1 Cor. 10:4). One moment of Moses’ singular act cost him the Promised Land. Shameful!

Beloved, the severity of Moses’ fate concerning the Promised Land would never dawn on us because we were not in his shoes. When next you stand to carry out divine assignment, be sensitive. Watch your words. Watch your actions. Be sensitive because the careless handling of ‘One Moment’ may lead to a severe consequence. I pray that none of us will miss divine counsel for us in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.