

Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites, and Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Indeed, Moab was filled with dread because of the Israelites. The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, “This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” **Numbers 22:2-3 (NIV)**

Then the LORD said to me, “Do not harass the Moabites or provoke them to war, for I will not give you any part of their land. I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.” **Deuteronomy 2:9 (NIV)**

DIVINE DIRECTION FROM A DONKEY

1. IT’S NEVER A GOOD IDEA TO BE _____
OR _____

But God said to Balaam, “Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed.” **Numbers 22:12 (NIV)**

They came to Balaam and said:

“This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Do not let anything keep you from coming to me, because I will reward you handsomely and do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me.” But Balaam answered them, “Even if Balak gave me all the silver and gold in his palace, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the Lord my God. Now spend the night here so that I can find out what else the Lord will tell me.” **Numbers 22:16-19 (NIV)**

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **Romans 8:31 (NIV)**

2. WHEN WE _____, HE OFTEN
_____ TO GET OUR ATTENTION

But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. **Numbers 22:22 (NIV)**

3. WHEN GOD PUTS A ROADBLOCK IN YOUR PATH, DON’T _____

When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam’s foot against it. So he beat the donkey again. Then the angel of the Lord moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. Then the Lord opened the donkey’s mouth, and it said to Balaam, “What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?” **Numbers 22:23-28 (NIV)**

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. **Galatians 6:1 (NLT)**

4. IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO _____

Then the Lord opened Balaam’s eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown. The angel of the Lord asked him, “Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it.” Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, “I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back.” The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, “Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you.” **Numbers 22:31-35 (NIV)**

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APR 2: MATT. 25; 31-46; NUM. 32-34; JOB 2

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APR 4: MATT. 26:26-46; DEUT. 1-2; JOB 4

APR 5: MATT. 26:47-75; DEUT. 3-4; JOB 5

APR 6: MATT. 27:1-31; DEUT. 5-6; JOB 6

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