

## Text Study: The Daughters of Zelophehad (Numbers 27:3-4)

ג אָבִינוּ, מֵת בַּמִּדְבָּר, וְהוּא לֹא-הָיָה בְּתוֹדְּ הָעֵדָה הַנּוֹעָדִים עַל-ה׳, בַּעֲדַת-קֹרַח: כִּי-בְחֶטְאוֹ מֵת, וּבָנִים לֹא-הָיוּ לו

> ד לָמָּה יִגְּרַע שֵׁם-אָבִינוּ מִתּוֹךְ מִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ, כִּי אֵין לוֹ בֵּן ; תִּנָה-לַנוּ אֲחָזָה, בִּתוֹךְ אֲחֵי אַבִינוּ

"Our father died in the wilderness. He was not one of the faction, Korah's faction, which banded together against God and was punished. Our father died by his own accord, and he has left no sons. Let not our father's name be lost to his clan just because he had no son! Give us a holding among our father's kinsmen!" (Numbers 27:3-4)

## **DISCUSS:**

- What do you think he should do?
- Why, according to the daughters' words, do they deserve to be given the holding?
- What do you think Moses did?

The Torah recounts that Moses consults God. God responds by declaring that the women are correct, and that the property must go to them.

## **DISCUSS:**

- Why do you think Moses had to speak with God before providing an answer?
- What did consulting with God accomplish?