

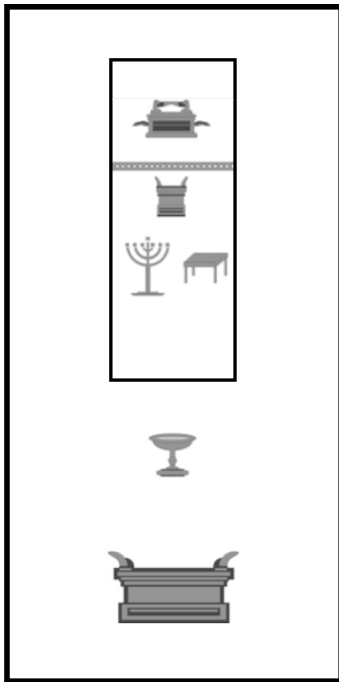
## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.



### For Discussion:

1. Give an illustration from the recent news of how jealousy drives people to defame others.
2. What is the danger of speaking against the person to whom you are most responsible?
3. What did you learn about the tabernacle that relates to salvation?



Acts 7:44 “Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.”

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### TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. The purpose of the Book of Numbers is to encourage you to TRUST God as you face the joys and the trials of life. (Types)

2. In the Book of Numbers we find HOPE “in the desert”.

### MOSES

Numbers 12:6 [The Lord] said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

<sup>7</sup> But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

<sup>8</sup> With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

1. The Lord’s SERVANT was more than a description of Moses’ person. This title was given to one with the status of a high OFFICIAL in the Lord’s kingly administration.
2. Moses was credited as being UNIQUELY faithful in the Lord’s house.

Numbers 12:3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

3. Most notable in the Lord’s description of Moses was God’s PERSONAL relationship with him.

a. They spoke MOUTH to MOUTH. פֶּה אֶל-פֶּה

Exodus 33:11a The Lord would speak to Moses face to face (פָּנִים אֶל-פָּנִים) as one speaks to a friend.

- b. Moses saw the FORM of the Lord; His visible appearance.

*Exodus 34:29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.*

## MIRIAM

1. Miriam was the full SISTER of Aaron and Moses. She may have been the SISTER who watched over baby Moses in the Nile.

*Numbers 26:59 the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt. To Amram she bore Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.*

2. She was a PROPHETESS and leader in the community.

*Exodus 15:20 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. 21 Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea."*

*Micah 6:4 I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.*

## MOTIVATED BY JEALOUSLY

*Numbers 12:1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. 2 "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this.*

1. Miriam started it.

וַתְּדַבֵּר מִרְיָם וְאַהֲרֹן “and she spoke, Miriam, and Aaron”

2. They were bothered that Moses had married a CUSHITE woman. Often English translators refer to his wife as ETHIOPIAN.

- a. Could this be a reference to ZIPPORAH, daughter of Jethro? Cushans and Midians could be similarly identified.

*Habbakkuh 3:7 I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian in anguish.*

- b. Could this be a reference to a second wife Moses had married in Egypt before or after being exiled?

3. Both Aaron and Miriam became JEALOUS of Moses' authority to speak on God's behalf. Why now?

*Numbers 11:16 The Lord said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.*

*Numbers 11:24 So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.*

4. The Lord heard their JEALOUS complaints. To whom had they been speaking?

## MEETING WITH THE LORD

*Numbers 12:4 At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three of them went out. 5 Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward,*

1. The Lord called them to Himself SUDDENLY.
2. The tent of meeting was synonymous for the TABERNACLE. It is a TYPE for us to see the nature of God. Being in the presence of God has the potential for both JUDGMENT or ATONEMENT.

- a. God's anger burned against them. Miriam was judged.

*Numbers 12:9 The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous—it became as white as snow.*

- b. Moses became the MEDIATOR between Aaron, Miriam and God.

*Numbers 12:10b Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, 11 and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. 12 Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."*

*13 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "Please, God, heal her!"*

*14 The Lord replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." 15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back (emphasis mine).*

*Numbers 12:16 After that, the people left Hazeroth and encamped in the Desert of Paran.*

## OUR LESSONS

1. All of us are responsible to someone who stands in authority over us. We should not be jealous of their position.
2. Sometimes we get focused on matters that don't matter to God.
3. All of us will meet the Lord. We will either stand before Him in judgment or by grace.