

Moses Week 29

The Mistakes at Meribah

Num 20:1 In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried. 2 Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. 3 They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD! 4 Why did you bring the LORD's community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here? 5 Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!" 6 Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. 7 The LORD said to Moses, 8 "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink." 9 So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. 10 He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. 12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them." 13 These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the LORD and where he showed himself holy among them. NIV

- God's desire was to show His power and _____ to the Hebrews and to the world outside of Egypt.
- The first test for Moses was the _____ of the rod to God.

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1. Moses' problem was a _____ to follow God's specific directions.
 - Leading can be _____ -- just ask any parent, of any age kid.
 - Moses was a very _____ man.
 - He enjoyed divine _____ with God but would come down the mountain to a people still living in idolatry and sensual pleasures.
 - When God gives _____, He expects you to do it the way He said to do it.
 - There is only one thing worse, and it is to not even _____ God for directions.
 - There are no _____ in doing the will of God.
 - When you ignore God, you are worshipping the god of "I _____."
 - GPS....God possibly sees???? (in my best sarcastic tone...)

2. Moses _____ to harness his own pride and his own self-importance.
- Moses forgot about being _____ with people when they were not quite doing right or doing it God's way.

So what should we learn about leading?

- _____ is not always based on experience.
 - God's purpose can be _____ but not destroyed.
 - Leaders will face _____ at times.
 - Jealousy and pride have caused many people to _____ God's leading and rebel against His leadership.
 - God _____ His anointed leaders.
- Faith is not just following God's direction but being _____ when you're waiting for that direction.
3. Moses failed to stay _____ before the presence of God.
- Pursuing righteousness will bring out Satan's full forces of evil to come against all that is _____.
 - When we stand in our own ability we can become _____ that our own ability is enough.

<p>James 1:19-20 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.</p>

- The act of anger and disobedience stems from _____.
- When God speaks to us and we know God's will and we _____ move away from God's truth, it's unbelief.
- Moses' public act of disobedience _____ God's glory.
- Disobedience that day by Moses would surely be forgiven, but carried _____ consequences.