

Grumbling Plus Plus Among Leaders

Numbers 12:1-16
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I. Grumbling infects leadership (12:1-2)

A. Previous grumbings (Num 11)

1. Taberah (11:1-3)
2. Kibroth Hahavah (11:4-5)

B. Present grumbings (12:1-2)

1. Initial complaint (12:1)
2. Core complaint (12:2)

II. God contrasts the grumblers and the godly (12:3-8)

A. God summons the leaders from the public court to the Holy Court (12:4-5)

1. Sudden summons (12:4a)
2. Sovereign summons (12:4b-5)

B. God contrasts ordinary prophets and special servant (12:3-8)

1. Ordinary prophets receive indirect revelation (12:6,8)

2. Moses

C. God calls Miriam and Aaron's actions into question (12:8b)

III. God condemns with compassion (12:9-15)

A. Initial divine response (12:9-10)

B. Intercession by Moses (12:11-13)

C. God's compassion restores and reduces (12:14-15)

Discussion Questions

1. Describe one situation where God has given you His grace when you least expected it.
2. What is one area or person in your life which prompts the most grumbling? In what ways can God's grace be applied?

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