



SUMMER SUNSETS

TAKING IN THE VIEW

WHAT EVERY LEADER MUST FORGET

Numbers 11:1 – 34

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MESSAGE NOTES

What every leader must forget:

- **Forget about winning the popularity contest**

Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." – Numbers 11:4 – 6 (ESV)

- **Forget about doing it on our own**

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You lay the burden of all this people on me?" – Numbers 11:10 – 11 (ESV)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone. – Numbers 11:16 – 17 (ESV)

- **Forget about giving up**

"If You will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in Your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." – Numbers 11:15 (ESV)

- **Forget the possibility of no provision**

But Moses said, "The people among whom I am number six hundred thousand on foot, and You have said, 'I will give them meat, that they may eat a whole month!' Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, and be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, and be enough for them?" And the Lord said to Moses, "Is the Lord's hand shortened? Now you shall see whether My word will come true for you or not." – Numbers 11:21 – 23 (ESV)



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- **Forget about settling our own scores**

While the meat was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck down the people with a very great plague. Therefore the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had the craving.

— Numbers 11:33 – 34 (ESV)

When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. — 1 Peter 2:23 (ESV)

But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit on them!” — Numbers 11:29 (ESV)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Who is a leader in your life that you have really respected, and why?
- What does it mean to be a leader in today's world? What are some areas of influence God has given you to lead in?
- Summarize the setting of Numbers 11. Who was Moses as a leader, and what challenges was he facing as the leader of the people?
- What are some of the lessons from Moses' life that every leader needs to remember? What do these lessons remind us of as we lead in the places of influence God has given us?
- What does it mean to serve an "audience of One" as a leader in Christ? Why does serving Christ first result in offering our best leadership to everyone else?
- Read 1 Peter 2:23. Christ is the ultimate example of a leader who endured false accusations and brutality. What does this verse encourage us to remember when we are wronged? What do you think Pastor Jon meant by saying, *"As leaders, we stand in our own integrity"* at the end of the day?
- Read Numbers 11:29. Moses had delegated leadership to 70 others, and some of them were expanding their influence under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Moses supported their leadership. Who are some people God may be directing you to invest in as future leaders, and how?
- Share an area where God may want to use your leadership to reflect Him to others. Pray for one another to carry God's heart as leaders in your homes, friend groups, and workspaces.