

Miriam

“Don’t Let Comparison Rob You of Your Joy”

Cast of Characters:

Amran: Father of Aaron, Moses and Miriam

Miriam: The oldest child, sister to Moses and Aaron

Moses: Younger brother; one of most influential leaders of all time

Aaron: Brother of Moses and Miriam

BACKGROUND:

I Chron 6:3 Amran had three children: Aaron, Moses and Miriam

Exodus 2:1-10 Miriam watches out for her baby brother Moses

Exodus 15:20-21 Miriam is a prophetess and a leader

Micah 6:4 Moses, Aaron and Miriam were all leaders of Israel leaving Egypt

Numbers 11:16-17 70 special elders appointed to help lead the nation

THE STORY (Numbers 12; takes place about 1450 BC)

Key observations and insights?

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Some Lessons from Miriam’s life:

- 1) Women can play important leadership roles; God can speak through women
- 2) Beware of comparisons! Comparison makes you delight in finding fault with others; drives you to seek positive attention to yourself; damages your relationship with others; undermines your usefulness to God
- 3) Just because you are capable doesn’t meet you are called
- 4) You should compare yourself to only one person
- 5) You must try to find contentment in the role God has given you
- 6) You can change a bad attitude by cultivating gratitude
- 7) Learn to celebrate other’s successes
- 8) Understand that all leaders are not created equal
- 9) Understand that leadership is a privilege and a trust

Other lessons and applications to us today?