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When Did Leadership Feel Lonely?

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READING 1

Read Numbers 11:10–15

Commentary

Moses is overwhelmed by the people's complaints. He tells God the burden is too heavy and even asks God to kill him. Leadership loneliness can push a man to the edge of despair.

1. What is Moses feeling in these verses, and what has driven him there?

2. How does Moses express his burden to God?

3. Why might leadership feel especially lonely even when people are all around?

READING 2

Read Numbers 11:16–17

Commentary

God does not rebuke Moses. He instructs him to gather seventy elders to share the burden. Isolation in leadership is neither necessary nor wise; God often answers the lonely leader by giving him men to stand with him.

4. How does God respond to Moses' cry?

5. What does this teach us about carrying leadership alone?

6. Why is shared burden part of God's design for leadership?

READING 3

Read 2 Timothy 4:16–18

Commentary

Paul writes that at his first defense no one came to stand by him; all deserted him. Yet the Lord stood by him and strengthened him. Even when human support fails, the Lord remains.

7. What happened to Paul when he needed support, and how did the Lord respond?

8. When has leadership or heavy responsibility felt lonely for you?

9. What is one way you can either share a burden you are carrying or invite someone into it?