

Timely Advice for All Leaders - Exodus 17:1-7

Any church leader who becomes impatient with the flock should read and reread what Moses faced as a head of God's people. Moses didn't ask for the job. The Lord selected him and put him in charge of a few million complainers. Was he the first guy ever stuck between a rock and a hard place? I've been responsible for only a tiny fraction of the amount under Moses' care, but at times, to me, it's felt like ten million grumblers.

Despite the fact that they witnessed spectacular miracles of deliverance, Israel's folks seemed always afflicted with a short memory. When facing physical or spiritual challenges, they never seemed to remember God's earlier help in similar circumstances.

I admire Moses' leadership qualities. Something about his situation makes me tremble, though. Regardless of the people's irritating ingratitude and short-lived faith, the Lord still held Moses accountable for doing the right thing. God allowed Moses no excuses, not even when he ordered him to get water from a rock.

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