

NUMB3RS - 12

What If?

*Num 12:1 Miriam and Aaron
began to talk against Moses
because of his Cushite wife, for
he had married a Cushite*

What if we only talked about people in ways that esteem their value to the LORD?

2 "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?"

What if we were able to see the beam in our own eye?

And the LORD heard this.

*What if we lived life
acknowledging that the LORD
sees, the LORD hears and the
LORD cares about what we say
and do?*

3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

What if our response to those
who come against us was
always with humility?

*4 At once the LORD said to
Moses, Aaron and Miriam,
"Come out to the tent of
meeting, all three of you." So
the three of them went out. 5
Then the LORD came down*

in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, 6 he said, "Listen to my words: "When there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

7 But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.

8 With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

*9 The anger of the LORD
burned against them, and he
left them.*

*What if we could understand
how our actions toward others
affects the heart of God?*

10 When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam's skin was leprous--it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease,

*11 and he said to Moses,
"Please, my lord, I ask you not
to hold against us the sin we
have so foolishly committed.*

12 Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away."

*What if we handled our
conflicts with others
one-on-one instead of including
others?*

13 So Moses cried out to the LORD, "Please, God, heal her!"

14 The LORD replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days?"

Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." 15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days,

*and the people did not move
on till she was brought back.
16 After that, the people left
Hazeroth and encamped in the
Desert of Paran.*

*Once again Moses acts with
humility and prayed for
them...**what if** we did the same?*

Heb 3:5-8 NIV "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house,

if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. 7 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,

*8 do not harden your hearts as
you did in the rebellion, during
the time of testing in the
wilderness,*

Moses was faithful in all God's house - yet they resisted Him

Christ is faithful over God's house Let's be certain we don't stand against HIM