



DAILY ENCOURAGEMENTS

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## KINGDOM-MINDED LEADERSHIP

*I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!*

Numbers 11:29

**READ Numbers 11:16-17, 27-29**

When I joined a group of Christian children's book authors who prayed for one another and helped spread the word about each other's books, some people said we were "foolish for working with competitors." But our group was committed to kingdom-minded leadership and promoting community, not competition. We shared the same goal—spreading the gospel. We served the same King—Jesus. Together, we're reaching more people with our witness for Christ.

When God asked Moses to choose seventy elders with leadership experience, He said, "I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone" (Numbers 11:16–17). Later, Joshua saw two of the elders prophesying and told Moses to stop them. Moses said, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" (v. 29).

Any time we focus on competition or comparisons that hinder us from working with others, the Holy Spirit can empower us to shrug off that temptation. When we ask God to nurture kingdom-minded leadership in us, He spreads the gospel around the world and can even lighten our loads as we serve Him together.

**By Xochitl Dixon**

### PRAY & REFLECT

**Holy Spirit, please make me a kingdom-minded leader committed to working together to reach more people with the life-saving message of the gospel. Amen**

How have you teamed up with others to serve God? Who can you support as they serve Him with their unique gifts?

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

As Numbers 11 begins, it had been more than a year since the Israelites escaped out of Egypt (10:11-12). They'd spent almost a year at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:1; Numbers 10:11), where Moses received the Law, the people rebelled by crafting a golden calf, the tabernacle was built, and the priesthood was established. The Israelites were the beneficiaries of God's daily care through manna and a cloud that guided them during the day and a pillar of fire at night. But soon after leaving Mount Sinai, the people "complained about their hardships" (11:1), and God judged them with fire. After His judgment subsided, some began to "crave other food" (v. 4). Moses grew tired of their complaints and cried out to God, "I cannot carry all these people by myself" (v. 14). As a result, He instructed Moses to choose seventy leaders to help share the burden (vv. 16-17). – By **Alyson Kieda**

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