

Numbers 27:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

Analysis

Moses immediately prayed, 'Let the LORD... set a man over the congregation.' Rather than focusing on his own disappointment, he concerned himself with the people's need for leadership. This selfless response demonstrates mature spirituality: prioritizing the community's welfare over personal fulfillment. True leaders ensure continuity beyond their own tenure.

Historical Context

Moses' prayer for a successor shows he learned from previous failures. He didn't resist or resent God's plan but cooperated in facilitating transition. This contrasts with leaders who cling to position or undermine successors. Moses' humility enabled smooth leadership transition.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when God's plan includes your removal from a role you treasure?

2. What does it mean to prepare and empower your successors rather than clinging to position?

Interlinear Text

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spake	And Moses	^{H413}	unto the LORD	saying
H1696	H4872		H3068	H559

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