

**Living “In Between:” Sibling Rivalries**  
**Numbers 12**  
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**Daily Bible Readings**  
**October 19-25**

**Introduction**

**1. How did Miriam and Aaron see their brother? (12:1,2)**

- A. As someone who had chosen badly in marriage
- B. As someone who was pushing himself forward
  - Aaron - Exodus 12:43; Exodus 4:27; Leviticus 10:8-11
  - Miriam - Exodus 15:20,21; 1 Corinthians 14:3

**2. What was Moses really like? (12:3)**

- 1 Peter 2:2-23
- 1 Samuel 17:28; Mark 6:4; John 7:4

**3. How did God see Moses? (12:4-8)**

- A. As his servant
  - Exodus 40:19
- B. As a faithful man
- C. As an intimate friend

**4. How did God see Miriam and Aaron? (12:9-16)**

- A. Out of line
- B. Out of the camp
  - 1 Timothy 5:19,20; Hebrews 10:31

**5. How do you see your role in the family?**

- 1 Corinthians 10:11
  
- A. Have you accepted with gratitude the role God has given you?
  - Exodus 20:17
- B. Are you supporting and affirming those to whom God has given roles different from yours?
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13; Hebrews 13:17
- C. Is there any sin in your own life that could be keeping God's people from moving forward ?

**Follow-Throughs**

Each of these scenes show siblings interacting with one another. In what ways can you identify with any of the characters in these stories? What lessons can we learn about relating to one another in God's family, from positive as well as negative examples?

**Monday      Genesis 4:1-16**

**Tuesday      Genesis 37:1-36**

**Wednesday      John 1:35-42; Mark 1:14-20**

**Thursday      Luke 10:38-40**

**Friday      Mark 10:35-45**

**Warm-Ups**

**Saturday      Numbers 13:1-25**

What were the spies commissioned to do? What did they bring back with them? In what ways was that cluster of grapes a confirmation of what God had told them previously about the land?

**Sunday      Numbers 13:26 – 14:9**

What was the basis for the contrasting reports from the two sets of spies? Are you more likely by temperament to see the problems, or the opportunities? Regardless of temperament, what are the roles of faith, and obedience?