



GET CONTROL OF IT!

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NUMBERS 20:8 NKJV – (8) “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.”

God gave Moses instructions to speak to the rock, but at this point, Moses lost his temper. Why? Moses was frustrated with the people and said to them, “Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock” (**NUMBERS 20:10**)? Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff (**NUMBERS 20:11**).

To many this might seem to be a minor breach of obedience, but Moses totally failed to obey the Lord by striking the rock instead of speaking to it as instructed and equally jarring are his own words. He publicly attributed to his own efforts the authority that should have belonged to God alone. The results would be disastrous for God’s servant. Particularly because of his high spiritual position, the consequences of his sin would be grave indeed.

Don’t get confused and say to yourself, I am not one of God’s leaders. If you are a Disciple of Christ you indeed are a leader. Maybe not in such a status as Moses but still a leader and God hold all accountable when we disobey and don’t repent. This is known as “Consequences.”

So, what was Moses to do? Trust the Lord and this is done by faith. Moses lost faith in the way God was handling His people. You know, being merciful and patient. People who are influenced by the enemy through complaining and such related sins can knock your focus and therefore, we must be grounded in His word get control of that very thing (Anger) that wants to come out. The scriptures in **EPHESIANS 4:26** tells us if you are angry, do not sin and through His word we get knowledge, understanding and application on how to master such a command.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:26

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Speak when you are angry – and you will make the best speech you’ll ever regret.