



**Numbers 12:1-8** “Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. 2 'Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?' they asked. 'Hasn't he also spoken through us?' And the LORD heard this. 3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) 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 are prophets of the LORD among you, I 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?’” (NIV)

**Daniel 2:28** “There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.” (NIV)



**1.** The \_\_\_\_\_

**Numbers 12:6** “When there are prophets of the LORD among you, I reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.” (NIV)

**Numbers 12:7-8** “But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD.” (NIV)



**2.** The \_\_\_\_\_



**3.** The \_\_\_\_\_

1-Reveal  
2-Test  
3-Mistake

*“A man is not defeated by his opponents but by himself.”*  
- **South African General, Jan Christiaan Smuts**

**Numbers 20:11-12** “Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.’” (NIV)

**Deuteronomy 32:52** “Therefore, you will see the land only from a distance; you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Israel.” (NIV)

**Jeremiah 5:25** “Your sins have kept you from enjoying good things.” (NCV)



**Priming The Pump**

What has made you the most angry this past week?  
What are the kinds of the things that trigger anger in you?  
i.e. How would you describe them?

**The Main Point**

In the Chronicles of Narnia there were little creatures called *Ankle Slicers*, whose sole purpose and skill was to - you guessed it, slice enemies' ankles. They were small little critters and they nipped at the heels and ankles of their opponents just to irritate and to hopefully injure as well. Although if the Slicers were seen, they were not at all difficult to defend against. They became an asset to the enemy when they distracted the unknowing target and thereby created a window for more dangerous attacks to come from bigger, stronger beasts.

In the sermon we saw how **Moses** had the people nipping at his heels like Ankle Slicers and he allowed it to become cause for him to lose focus at the waters of Meribah. This became a crucial test for Moses which he unfortunately failed. He let contentious people distract him from his main goal.

*Who tends to be the Ankle Slicers in your life? i.e. Who do you allow to derail you from your main goals with lesser goals?*

I find it interesting what this place was named. Not after Moses, but because it was where "the sons of Israel contended with the Lord and (where) He proved Himself holy among them" **Numbers 20:1-13**.  
What is significant about this? How does it bring conviction and in what ways does it bring hope for you?

Let's reflect on the quote in the sermon by Jan Christiaan Smuts.  
*"A man is not defeated by his opponents but by himself."*  
This can certainly be true. How have you seen yourself be your own worst enemy? What aspect about yourself do you see as something that keeps you from "moving into your future"?

Read **James 1:19, 20**. In what ways does this Scripture bring conviction and in what ways does it bring hope for you?

*Do you think anger issues are linked to pride issues? If so, how?*

How does **1 Peter 5:5, 6** speak to this?  
In what ways does this Scripture bring conviction and in what ways does it bring hope for you? .....

	<b>FURTHER READING</b> Scripture for Daily Reading		
	Day 1 <b>John 21</b>	Day 2 <b>Numbers 23,24</b>	Day 3 <b>Romans 1</b>
	Day 4 <b>Numbers 25</b>	Day 5 <b>Romans 2</b>	Day 6 <b>Psalms 55</b>