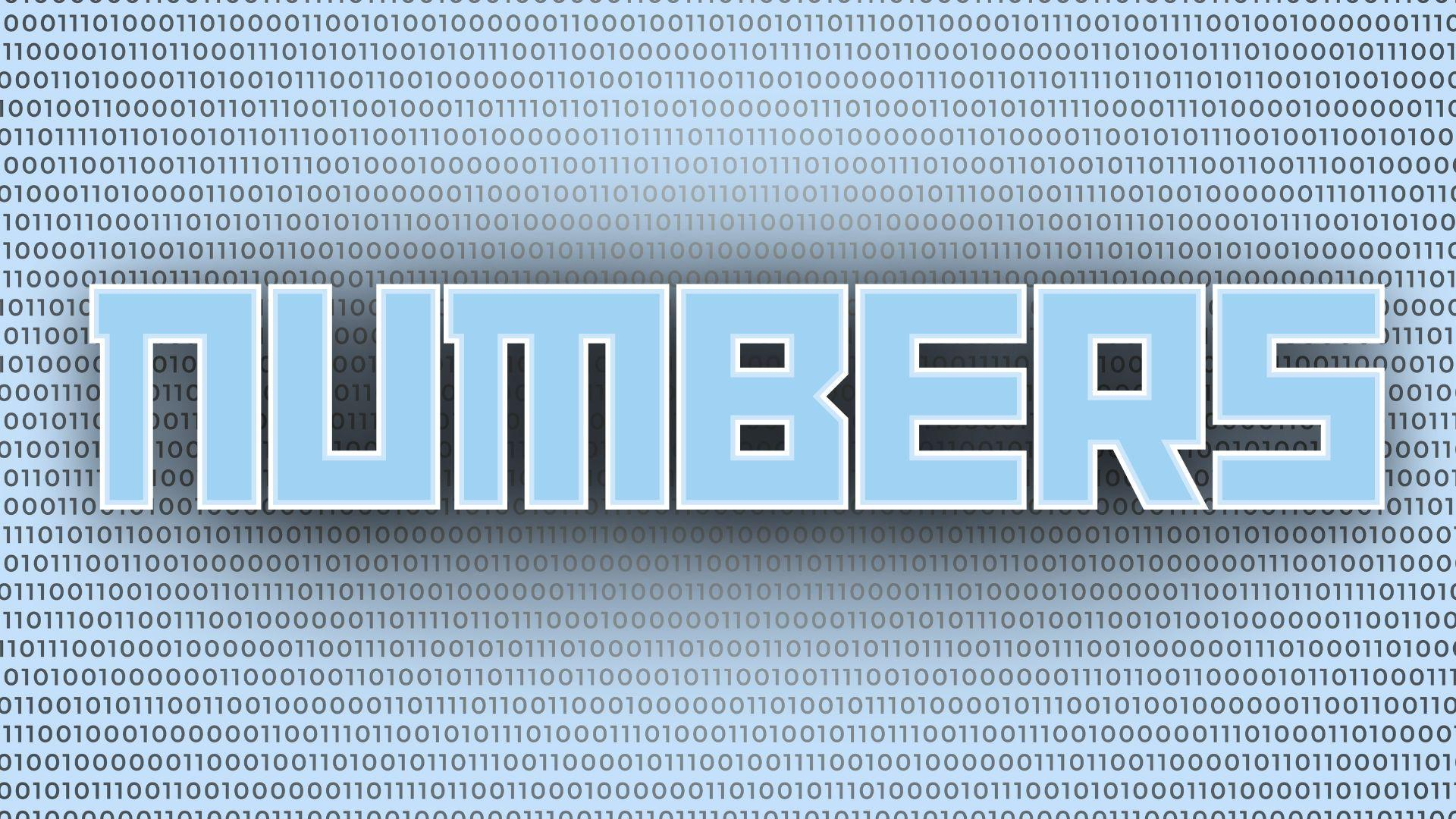




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THE REBELLION OF MOSES & AARON

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NUMBERS 20:1-13

³ They quarreled with Moses and said,
“If only we had died when our brothers
fell dead before the LORD! ⁴ Why did you
bring the LORD’s community into this
wilderness, that we and our livestock
should die here? ⁵ Why did you bring us
up out of Egypt to this terrible place?

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It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!” ⁶ Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

NUMBERS 20:1-13

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ⁸ “Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.”

NUMBERS 20:1-13

⁹ So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him.

¹⁰ He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"

NUMBERS 20:1-13

¹¹ Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. ¹² But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites,

NUMBERS 20:1-13

you will not bring this community into the land I give them.” ¹³ These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the LORD and where he was proved holy among them.

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**IN
FRUSTRATION**

² Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. ³ They quarreled with Moses and said, “If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD!

NUMBERS 20:2-5

⁴ Why did you bring the LORD's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? ⁵ Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

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NUMBERS 20:1

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NUMBERS 20:10

You did not trust in me enough.

NUMBERS 20:12

You broke faith with me.

DEUTERONOMY 32:51

Rash words came from Moses' lips.

PSALM 106:33

BY FAITH

“Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.

NUMBERS 20:8b

²¹ Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also **you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.**

MATTHEW 21:21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask
or imagine, according to his power
that is at work within us.

EPHESIANS 3:20

Have you eaten from the tree that I
commanded you not to eat from?”

GENESIS 3:11

¹⁰ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”

1 SAMUEL 15:10

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish... to flee from the LORD.

JONAH 1:1-3

Moses is the only person
who is mentioned multiple
times in Hebrews 11.

²⁴ **By faith** Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

HEBREWS 11:24-28

²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ **By faith** he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

HEBREWS 11:24-28

²⁸ **By faith** he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

HEBREWS 11:24-28

BY FORCE

¹¹ Then Moses raised his arm and **struck the rock twice** with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

NUMBERS 20:11

The first generation of Israelites
witnessed a miracle that was
done in force, but by faith.

⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. **Strike the rock**, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.”
So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

EXODUS 17:6

The second generation of
Israelites witnessed a miracle
that was done in force, but
in frustration.

If we are frustrated and lack
faith, we will resort to force.
This makes us magicians,
not miracle-workers.

God was teaching them that
He was their Rock.

¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness
and gave them water as abundant as
the seas; ¹⁶ he brought streams out of
a rocky crag and made water flow
down like rivers.

PSALM 78:15-16

²⁰ True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly.

PSALM 78:20

They remembered that **God was
their Rock**, that God Most High was
their Redeemer.

PSALM 78:35

² The LORD is my rock... my God is my rock.

PSALM 18:2

And who is the Rock except our God?

PSALM 18:31

⁴⁶ The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

PSALM 18:31

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-5

³ They all ate the same spiritual food
⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink;
**for they drank from the spiritual rock
that accompanied them, and that rock
was Christ.** ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not
pleased with most of them; their bodies
were scattered in the wilderness.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-5

Moses (compulsive and control)
Solomon (narcissism)
Saul (paranoia)
Samson (co-dependency)
Jonah (passive-aggressive anger)

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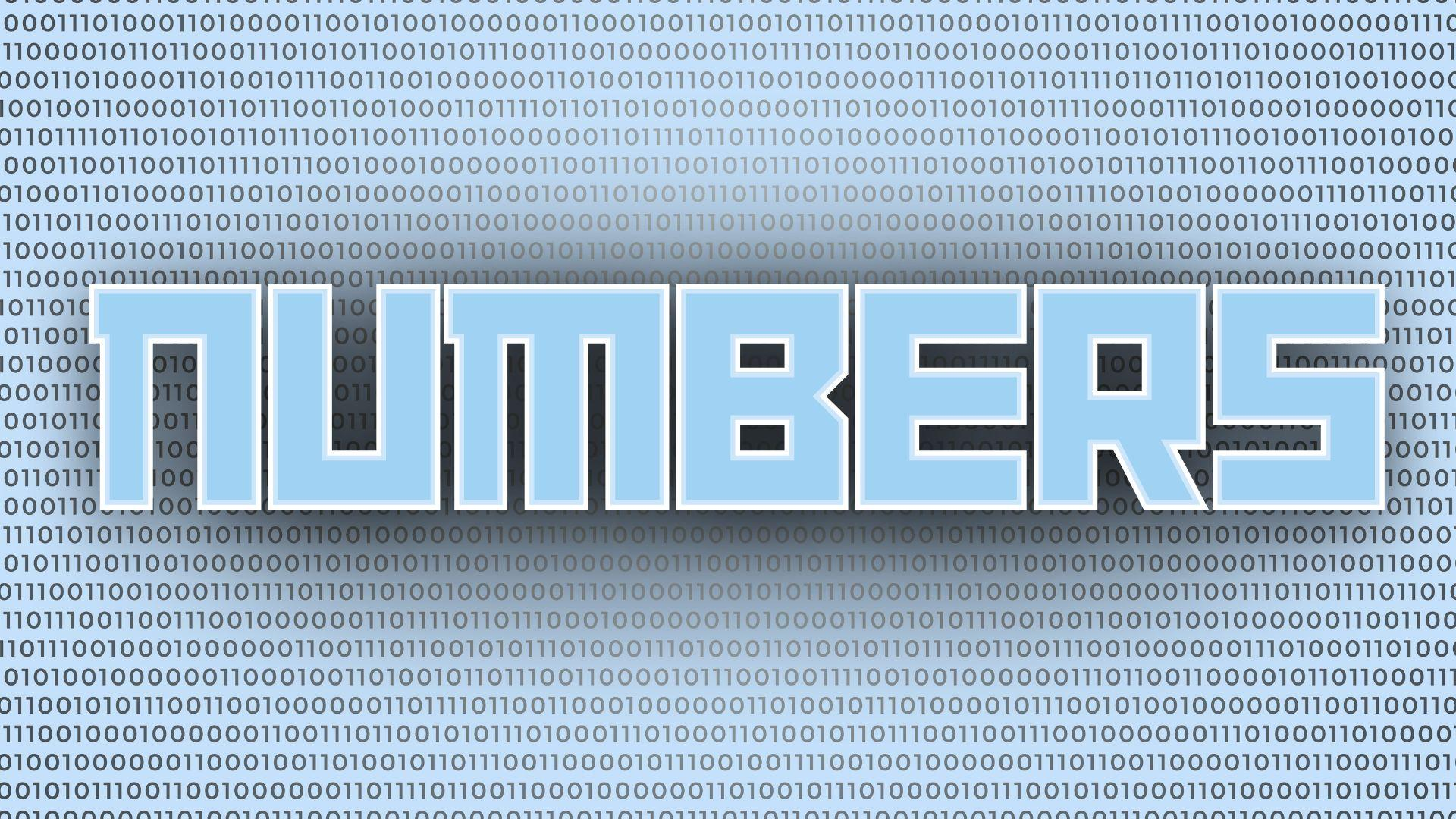
Have you acknowledged the dark-side to your personality or leadership? Perhaps the worst thing we can do is fall into denial.

SERMON REVIEW:

1) IN FRUSTRATION

2) BY FAITH

3) BY FORCE



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