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## WILDERNESS (PART 5)

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<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Exodus 20:17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men. <sup>2</sup> And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men. <sup>3</sup> They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”

Numbers 16:1–3 (ESV)

FAMILY DRAMA: MOSES AND AARON ARE COUSINS TO KORAH

YOU HAVE GONE TOO FAR = LIT. YOU HAVE TOO MUCH

EXALT YOURSELVES = HEBREW PLAY ON WORDS OF CHIEFTAN = PLAY THE CHIEFTAN

<sup>4</sup> When Moses heard it, he fell on his face, <sup>5</sup> and he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning the LORD will show who is his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him.

Numbers 16:4-5 (ESV)

FELL ON HIS FACE = PRAYER TO GOD

<sup>6</sup> Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company; <sup>7</sup> put fire in them and put incense on them before the LORD tomorrow, and the man whom the LORD chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you sons of Levi: <sup>9</sup> is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do service in the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to them, <sup>10</sup> and that he has brought you near him, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you? And would you seek the priesthood also? <sup>11</sup> Therefore it is against the LORD that you and all your company have gathered together. What is Aaron that you grumble against him?”

Numbers 16:6-11 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and they said, “We will not come up. <sup>13</sup> Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you must also make yourself a prince over us? <sup>14</sup> Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.” <sup>15</sup> And Moses was very angry and said to the LORD, “Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not harmed one of them.”

Numbers 16:12-15 (ESV)

WE WILL NOT COME UP = WE WILL NOT OBEY/WE REJECT YOUR AUTHORITY.

IS IT TOO SMALL = USING MOSES WORDS (V. 9) AGAINST HIM

PUT OUT THE EYES = PULL THE WOOL OVER

<sup>16</sup> And Moses said to Korah, “Be present, you and all your company, before the LORD, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. <sup>17</sup> And let every one of you take his censer and put incense on it, and every one of you bring before the LORD his censer, 250 censers; you also, and Aaron, each his censer.” <sup>18</sup> So every man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron.

<sup>19</sup> Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation. <sup>20</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, <sup>21</sup> “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” <sup>22</sup> And they fell on their faces and said, “O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will you be angry with all the congregation?” <sup>23</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>24</sup> “Say to the congregation, Get away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup> And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Depart, please, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away with all their sins.” <sup>27</sup> So they got away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, together with their wives, their sons, and their little ones. <sup>28</sup> And Moses said, “Hereby you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, and that it has not been of my own accord. <sup>29</sup> If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent me. <sup>30</sup> But if the LORD creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the LORD.”

Numbers 16:16-30 (ESV)

CAME OUT = IN FULL VIEW. IRONIC: THEY HAD ACCUSED MOSES OF BLINDING THE PEOPLE’S EYES NOW IN THE FULL VIEW OF ALL THEY WILL BE PUNISHED.

CREATES SOMETHING NEW = LIT. CREATE A CREATION

SHEOL = ABODE OF THE DEAD. LATER BECOMES GEHENNA THEN HELL

<sup>31</sup> And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. <sup>32</sup> And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. <sup>33</sup> So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly. <sup>34</sup> And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us up!” <sup>35</sup> And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

Numbers 16:31–35 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

**Colossians 3:1–6 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! <sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**Matthew 6:19–24 (ESV)**