

**April 2nd Week**  
**God who Raises Up Co-Workers**

■ **Text:** Numbers 11:16~17 (April 8 Passage)

■ **Point:** God raises up co-workers so that I don't have to carry the heavy burden alone.

≡ **1. Prayer** God, thank you for being the owner of our family. May we love you, desire your Word, and obey Your will.

≡ **2. Praise**

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≡ **3. The Word**

Read Numbers 11:16~17 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Repeating the text in different translations helps us to understand the material deeply.

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<sup>16</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. <sup>17</sup> And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.

**<NASB>**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord therefore said to Moses, "Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their stand there with you. <sup>17</sup> Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take away some of the Spirit who is upon you, and put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it by yourself.

≡ **Understanding the Text**

In the wilderness, the Israelites complained and complained whenever they were in trouble. The people's grumbling and complaints made it very difficult for Moses, the leader. God promised to raise up 70 people to share Moses' burden. God understood Moses' difficulties and helped him to lead well.

#### □ Understanding the text for leaders

On the way to the land of Canaan, the Israelites faced many practical difficulties. They must have suffered from hunger, thirst, and an uncomfortable place to sleep. As a result, they missed their slavery in Egypt (Numbers 11:5). They forgot about the hardships and miserable experiences of slavery and complained about the food they couldn't eat in the wilderness, such as fish, cucumbers, melons, and leeks. They forgot about the hope for the land of Canaan that God had promised, and they poured out their complaints and complaints freely whenever they had a chance. Moses was very distressed by the sound of complaining and complaining. He appealed to God for his suffering. I honestly told him that I would rather die because it was too hard for me to take care of the people (Numbers 11:14~15). God knew Moses' difficulties and appointed elders to bear his burden. He asked Moses to appoint 70 people, one of whom was older, experienced, and wiser from each family. He promised to pour out God's Spirit on them so that they could share the responsibility that Moses was entrusting.

### ≡ 4. Sharing

1) What did God do for Moses who was struggling to bear the people's complaints and complaints? (verses 16~17)

#### **Upper & Lower Grades**

Why did God tell Moses to appoint 70 elders? (verse 17)

#### □ Question Guide

First, let's take a look at Moses, who was struggling alone, pouring out his broken heart to God without hesitation (Numbers 11:11~15). Tell them that God heard Moses' prayer and promised to pour out His Spirit on 70 elders to help him work together.

#### □ Commentary for Leaders

When Moses was troubled by the people's constant complaints and complaints, God told him to appoint 70 men to bear Moses' burden with him. It was to ease the burden that Moses was carrying on his own. God said that He would send His Spirit upon the 70 elders so that they could take care of the people with the same wisdom as Moses. God understands the difficulties of leaders. God wants many people to work together to accomplish the Lord's work, rather than one person taking care of everything (Romans 8:28).

2) Who are the co-workers God has allowed me to do my job well, and how are they helping me?

### ■ Upper Grades

Check out your family, relatives, and friends to see if they need your help. How can I help them?

### ■ Lower Grades

How can I help a family member or friend when they are struggling?

#### □ Question Guide

Share what each of you struggles with and who helps you do it. And remind them that this person is a co-worker whom God has given them. If you don't have a helping hand, ask God to help you. If your family can share it, try to share it. For example, if you prepare a meal for the family by yourself, you can help your children by placing cutlery or scooping water. You'll learn that by playing this role, you'll be able to save your mom some effort. Let them know that being able to help someone is a talent that God has given you, and that it is a heart of love.

#### □ Commentary for Leaders

God knows every person's difficulties. So let one person take all the responsibility and share the burden with each other so that he does not have to do the work alone. I can be someone who needs help, or I can be someone who helps. In the latter case, we will see what we need to do when we are willing and sensitive to the needs and help of others. When we help each other with an open mind, our burden will be much lighter and we will have the strength to bear it. Remember that God told us to share our burdens with one another (Galatians 6:2), and that when we are willing to share our burdens, He pours out the Holy Spirit to bear them.

## ≡ 5. Be Grateful

Thank God for giving us co-workers to share the burden.

## ≡ 6. Prayer

God, we confess our shortcomings. Please give us a helping hand so that we can do our work well on time .

- The family worship service ends with the Lord's Prayer.

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