

MOSES: Criticism Numbers 11-14

This week's texts focuses on criticism that Moses faced.

What is the difference between (i) criticism that is deserved and (ii) criticism that is undeserved?

Which type can be more challenging and discouraging?

For those who are comfortable sharing, when was the last time you were criticized for something?

Moses initially faced criticism from people on the fringes of the group that he was leading and people within the group that he was leading.

What are some examples today of how outsiders to a group can criticize a leader of a group, of which they are not a committed part?

Has there ever been a time when you, as an outsider to a group, criticized the leader of a group of which you were not a part?

Moses' second source of undeserved criticism was from people he trusted.

Have you ever seen a leader be unfairly criticized by their co-leaders or people they trusted? If so, what was the end result of that?

Moses' response to that criticism was to avoid fighting back or defending himself. Instead, he quietly absorbed the unfair criticism.

How do you typically respond when you are unfairly criticized?

Do you think there are times to simply absorb the criticism? Do you think there are times to defend yourself against the criticism? What determines the response one should have?

Is it possible for one's defense against criticism to unintentionally make the situation worse? If so, how?

Do you think leaders get unfairly criticized? Explain your answer.