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Avoid Rebellion
Numbers 16 (NIV)

Rebellion involves knowing what God wants me to do and refusing to do it.

¹ *Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites--Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth--became insolent ² and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council.*

³ *They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD'S assembly?"* Numbers 16:3

- **Rebellion reveals deeper problems.**

⁸ *Moses also said to Korah, "Now listen, you Levites! ⁹ Isn't it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the LORD'S tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them?"*

¹⁰ *He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too.*

¹¹ *It is against the LORD that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?"* Numbers 16:8-11

- **Rebellion is ultimately against God.**

³¹ *As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart ³² and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah's men and all their possessions. ³³ They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.*

³⁴ *At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" ³⁵ And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.* Numbers 16:31-35

- **Rebellion has bad consequences.**
- **Rebellion must be replaced with submission.**

How to Receive Christ:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

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Discussion Questions:

1. What causes us to be rebellious?
2. How do we rebel against God?
3. What are the consequences of rebellion?
4. In what ways can we learn to be more submissive?