

The Pastor and His Opposition

Numbers 12, 14, & 16

Secure leaders are humble leaders.

*Now Moses was more humble than any other person on earth.
(Numbers 12:3)*

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Opposition from Extended Family Members (Numbers 12)

- A secure pastor is able to de-personalize the criticism, and assess the real problem in a non-defensive way.
- A secure pastor is able to discern the nature of the criticism, and respond in a constructive way.
- A secure pastor is able to love the rebel, even while dealing firmly with the rebellion.



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Opposition from the People (Numbers 14)

- A secure pastor is not afraid to be transparent and vulnerable before the people.
- A secure pastor deals with opposition first on his knees

*He is jealous for God's reputation, not his own
(vs. 16)*

*He calls upon God's strength, not his own
(vs. 17)*

*He pleads God's mercy for the people, not
for himself (vs. 19)*



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Opposition from the Leaders (Numbers 16)

- A secure leader understands and operates under God's principle of delegated authority.

"No one is fit to be in authority until he has first learned to be under authority."

- Watchman Nee

- A secure leader doesn't need to defend himself.

