

## CHAPTER 8

# Miriam: Taking the Lead



<i>Verse</i>	<i>Meditation</i>	<i>Prayer</i>
<i>Lesson 1: Gifted to Lead</i>		
2 Timothy 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil.	When I make God's ministry into my ministry, I take credit and control, which both belong to God.	<i>God, I know that my gifts are from you. May my service lift up your name, not mine.</i>
<i>Lesson 2: In the Lead</i>		
Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.	I would be lost without God's direction, and he uses my leaders to give it.	<i>God, I don't want to be a "rattling lid" that you must silence. Help me bring my frustrations directly to you.</i>
<i>Lesson 3: Sharing Leadership</i>		
Philippians 2:3–7 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.	Rather than defending my turf or obsessing over how many followers I have, I will face forward and follow God.	<i>Lord, I surrender my cravings for honor and recognition to you.</i>
<i>Lesson 4: Healing a Control Girl</i>		
Isaiah 30:15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."	God wants to bring my sin to the surface so he can shave off my calluses of pride.	<i>God, thank you that you use the sidelines in life to pull me closer, not push me away.</i>

