**AARON**

Effective teamwork happens when each team member uses his or her special skills. Ideally, each member's strengths will contribute something important to the team effort. In this way, members make up for one another‘s weaknesses. Aaron made a good team with Moses. He provided Moses with one skill he lacked - effective public speaking. But while Aaron was necessary to Moses, he needed Moses as well. Without a guide, Aaron had little direction of his own. There was never any doubt as to who Gods chosen and trained leader was. The pliability that made Aaron a good follower made him a weak leader. His major failures were caused by his inability to stand alone. His yielding to public pressure by making an idol was a good example of this weakness.

Most of us have more of the follower than the leader in us. We may even be good followers, following a good leader. But no leader is perfect, and no human deserves our complete allegiance. Only God deserves our complete loyalty and obedience. We need to be effective team members in using the skills and abilities God has given us. But if the team or the leader goes against God‘s Word, we must be willing to stand alone.

**Strengths and accomplishments:**

• First High Priest of God in Israel

• Effective communicator; Moses‘ mouthpiece

**Weaknesses and mistakes:**

• Pliable personality; gave in to people's demands for a golden calf

• Joined with Moses in disobeying God’s orders about the water-giving rock

• Joined sister Miriam in complaining against Moses

**Lessons from his life:**

• God gives individuals special abilities, which he weaves together for his use

• The very skills that make a good team player sometimes also make a poor leader

**Vital statistics:**

• Where: Egypt, Sinai peninsula

• Occupation: Priest; Moses’ second in command

• Relatives: Brother: Moses. Sister: Miriam. Sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and lthamar

**Key verses:**

“And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, ls not Aaron the Levite thy brother? l know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. . . . And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people" (Exodus 4:14, 16).

Aaron's story is told in Exodus - Deuteronomy 10:6. He is also mentioned in Hebrews 7:11