

Living "In Between:" Gratitude or Grumbling
Numbers 11
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1. What do you complain about?

2. What got Israel complaining?

- A. The daunting desert
- B. The monotonous diet
Exodus 16:31; Philippians 4:11-13

3. What is the impact of complaining?

- A. If our clouds our judgment
- B. The contagion spreads to others
- C. Leaders become discouraged
- D. God becomes angry

4. How did God respond to the complaints?

- A. With discipline
- B. With mercy
- C. With power

5. Implications for Living in the Wilderness

- A. Thank God continually for his provisions
Psalm 34:1; Psalm 103:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:18;
Ephesians 5:20
2 Corinthians 9:7
- B. If you have to complain complain to God
Psalm 142:1,2
- C. Trust God's love and power to supply what you need
Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:8,10,11
Philippians 2:14

Daily Bible Readings
October 11-18

Follow-Throughs

Monday Philippians 4:4-20

What did Paul say about the path to inner peace, even during times of stress? What had Paul learned about the secret of contentment? Write out verses 6,7,13 and 19, and put them in a place where you can read them and review them each day this week.

Tuesday Psalm 34:1-22

How did David cultivate a positive attitude? What aspects of God did he focus on? Which of these statements about God encourages you most today?

Wednesday Psalms 142 and 143

What was David experiencing when he wrote these psalms? What was he feeling? Have you gone through similar circumstances, or felt parallel emotions? Where did David find comfort and stability? Pick one verse from these psalms to meditate on, and to pray as your own petition today.

Thursday Philippians 2:1-18

What positive things does Paul urge the Philippians to do? What does he warn them not to do? What reasons does he supply? How can you demonstrate the attitudes of Jesus today?

Friday 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

What promises does Paul make to the Corinthian believers? What are the roots of a cheerful, generous spirit? How can you please the Lord in your giving this weekend?

Warm-Ups

Saturday Numbers 12:1-9

What created the tensions between Moses and his two siblings? What are the recurring sources of conflict in your own family? Ask the Lord to give you discernment to see what the real issues are, and to see things from God's perspective.

Sunday Numbers 12:10-16

How did Aaron and Moses respond to God's discipline of their sister Miriam? Is there any way in which you have contributed this week to tension within your home, or in which you have judged inaccurately someone in your family? Ask the Lord's forgiveness, and if possible, that family member's forgiveness, before you come to worship.