

Series: "I QUIT"
 Part 2: "COMPLAINING"
 Crossroads Community Church
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Why we should care about complaining:

- **Because complaining is a _____ to be addressed, not a _____ to be laughed off**

¹ "I loathe my very life; therefore I will give free rein to my complaint and speak out in the bitterness of my soul."
 Job 10:1 (NIV)

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."
 Exodus 16:2-3 (NIV)

The Cost of Complaining:

- 1. **Complaining _____ the _____ of God**

¹ Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused.
 Numbers 11:1a (NIV)

Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.
 Numbers 11:1b (NIV)

- 2. **Complaining carries significant _____**

²⁷ "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. ²⁸ So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the LORD.... ³⁰ Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun."
 Numbers 14:27-28a & 30

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing,
 Philippians 2:14 (NIV)

Restraining our Complaining:

- 1. **What: Do not _____!**

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
 Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

¹⁹ When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.
 Proverbs 10:19 (NIV)

- 2. **Why: To become _____ Christ**

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation....
 Philippians 2:14-15a (NIV)

For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.
 Luke 6:45b (NIV)

- 3. **How: Make a _____ to _____**

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith....
 Philippians 2:17a (NIV)

I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.
 Philippians 2:17b-18 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:
