

EXODUS 16

OVERCOMING CONSTANT COMPLAINING *message title

Message:

[Exodus 14:11-12](#) “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt? 12 Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”

[Exodus 15:24](#) Then the people complained and turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded.

[Exodus 16:1](#) And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.

[Exodus 16:2](#) Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

[Exodus 16:3](#) And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

[Exodus 16:4](#) Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

5 And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”

6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt.

[Exodus 16:7](#) And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints against the Lord. But what are we, that you complain against us?”

8 Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord.”

WHEN WE COMPLAIN ABOUT ANYONE OR ANYTHING TO ANOTHER, WE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT GOD.

COMPLAINING TAKES PLACE IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU TAKE OUR EYES OFF GOD AND PLACE THEM ON YOURSELF

1. WHEN YOU ARE PRAISING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE COMPLAINING

Hebrews 12:2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Worship moves us to a higher use of our words. From whining to worshipping

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

2. WHEN YOU ARE GIVING IT WILL KEEP YOU FROM GRUMBLING

Philippians 2:14-15 Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

WHEN YOU STOP COMPLAINING WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS COMPLAINING, THE LIGHT OF JESUS WILL SHINE OUT OF YOUR LIFE AND PEOPLE WILL SEE A DIFFERENCE IN YOU!

1. WHEN YOU COMPLAIN YOU WIRE YOUR BRAIN WRONG

2. WHEN YOU COMPLAIN YOU WILL FIND MORE THINGS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT

If you can change your circumstances, do something about it.
If you can't change your circumstances **then** change your perspective.

Philippians 2:17-18 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

WHEN JESUS IS THE CENTER OF YOUR STORY IT CHANGES YOUR PERSPECTIVE.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Psalm 105:1 Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

- 2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.
- 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
- 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
- 5 He fills my life with good things. (NLT)

SOCIAL POST:

We all have complaints. Different circumstances, people, or problems that we want everyone around us to know that we don't like. In this message from Exodus 16:1-8, Guest Pastor Brenen Beeler shows that when we complain, we are complaining against God but when we are free from constantly complaining, we will actually shine bright and the light of Jesus will be more clearly seen in our lives. Discover how to worship will cause you to quit complaining, in the message: "**Conquering Your Complaints**".

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