

From Captivity to the Wilderness: “Grateful for Amazing Grace”
Numbers 21:1-9
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I. Amazing Grace... no wait! (vs 1-5)

1. Israelites put their trust in God. (vs 1-3)
2. Israelites can't seem to stop! (vs 4-5)

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

II. Amazing Grace... grants repentance. (vs 6-7a)

1. Grace through discipline. (vs 6)
2. Grace brings restoration. (vs 7a)

Matthew 12:34

III. Amazing Grace... from death to life. (vs 7b-9)

1. Confession brings forgiveness. (vs 7b)
2. Forgiveness brings life. (vs 8-9)

John 3:14-15

LET'S GO DEEPER:

Answer these questions with your understanding of “grace.”

1. How do you feel when someone moans and groans to you? Or about you? Why is ingratitude so bad in relationships? Insert God in these questions.
2. What made the grumbling in 4 and 5 so bad? What did it show about their attitude to God and the rescue from Egypt? Can you identify with some of their frustrations?
3. Read John 3:14-15. How does Jesus put Himself into our story from Numbers? What does it mean for Jesus to be ‘lifted up’? See John 12:32-33.
4. Who are we in our Numbers narrative?
5. How does the narrative of the bronze serpent help you understand more about what Jesus came to do? And the gratefulness of amazing grace?