

Series: My Big Fat Mouth Message: Complaining Speaker: Nick Poindexter Date: November 4, 2018

- 1. What are some ways that our words get us into trouble?
 - a. How is this made worse in today's digital age?
- 2. Knowing the backstory of Israel, why is it baffling to us that they constantly chose to complain rather than praise?
- 3. Read Exodus 16:2-3, 6-8.
 - a. How are our complaints against our circumstances actually a complaint against God?
 - b. Why is it vital that a complaining heart be dealt with?
- 4. Read Philippians 2:14-16.
 - a. How does complaining cause us to lose our distinctiveness and effectiveness?
 - b. How can we speak a "different language" from the world when it comes to complaining?
- 5. Read Matthew 5:13.
 - a. Why does Jesus use salt as a metaphor for the way Christians should affect the world?
- 6. Read Exodus 16:32-33.
 - a. How does our forgetfulness contribute to our complaining?
- 7. Read Psalm 103:1-5.
 - a. Like David, why do we need to often stop to remember what God has done?
 - b. What are some "benefits" that God has done for you that you would add to David's list?
- 8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.
 - a. Why does Paul's command seem impossible and maybe even ridiculous to obey?
 - b. Why is it hard trust the perspective of God when going through difficult circumstances?
 - c. How might God use the "fleas" from your life for your ultimate good?