

TRIALS AND TESTS

Exodus 15-16

The people grumbled and Moses prayed.

THREE WAYS COMPLAINING IS SPIRITUALLY DANGEROUS:

1. You forget God when you complain.
2. Complaining can create in you an evil heart.
3. Complaining destroys your witness.

God tests you to reveal your character AND His.

God gives grace even to grumblers.

THREE WAYS TO COMBAT COMPLAINING:

1. **REMEMBER** the God who leads you.
2. **TRUST** in God's leading.
3. **WAKE UP** and see God's faithfulness.

Group Discussion Guide

- What have you complained about the most recently?
- Can you describe a time when God has been faithful to you?
- How have you seen the “3 dangers of complaining” play out in someone's life?
- Which of the three ways of combating complaining is most meaningful to you? Why?

Morning Prayers of Faithfulness

(Read one each morning this week)

Psalm 103

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! **2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, **3** who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, **4** who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, **5** who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 37

4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. **5** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. **6** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. **7** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; **24** though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand. **25** I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. **26** He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.

39 The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. **40** The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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