

Complaining in the Desert - Exodus 15:22-17:7

Topics: Attitude, Backslide, Complaining, Disobedience, Provision

Open It

- * 1. How would you describe the personality of someone who complains a lot?
- 2. How does a bad attitude spread to others?
- 3. What does it feel like to find a twenty dollar bill when you're short on cash?

Explore It

- 4. After the Red Sea, in what condition did the Israelites find themselves? (15:22)
- * 5. What did the Israelites complain about? (15:23-24)
- 6. What happened when Moses threw the stick in the water? (15:25)
- 7. What did God say to test the Israelites? (15:26)
- * 8. The Israelites complained and grumbled to Moses about what? (16:1-3)
- 9. How did God say He would test and provide for Israel? (16:4-5)
- 10. Moses and Aaron responded to the Israelites grumbling in what way? (16:6-8)
- 11. What did Moses tell Aaron to do? (16:9)
- 12. How did God appear to the Israelites in the desert? (16:10-12)
- 13. With what type of food did God provide the Israelites? (16:13-16)
- 14. Moses gave Israel what kind of specific instructions? (16:17-19)
- 15. What happened to the food that was kept until morning? (16:20)
- 16. How were preparations for food on the Sabbath made? (16:21-26)
- 17. What did Moses say to the people who refused to obey his instructions? (16:27-29)
- * 18. How did Israel complain against God at Rephidim? (17:1-3)
- 19. What did God tell Moses to do so He could provide Israel with water? (17:4-7)

Get It

- 20. Why is it difficult to be with people who complain a lot?
- 21. How were the complaints and grumbings of Israel displeasing to the Lord?
- 22. Why do we complain when God doesn't provide when we expect Him to?
- * 23. How is complaining to God an act of disobedience?
- 24. What do you think Moses felt as he tried to handle the attitudes of the Israelites?
- * 25. What is it like trying to lead a group of people who are a bunch of complainers?
- 26. Why does God provide for us on His timing and not ours?
- 27. How has God provided for you in the past?

Apply It

- * 28. How can you say thank you to God today instead of complaining to Him?
- 29. What can you do (or not do) this week to trust God to provide for you?
- 30. How can God's provision for Israel remind you to be thankful for what you have?