



LifeBridge
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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The Grumbling Farmworkers

Matthew 20:1-16

Most of Us Have to Admit

We are better at GRUMBLING against the Lord than giving thanks to the Lord for His grace.

And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. Numbers 11:1-3

And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against Me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against Me. Numbers 14:26-27

They murmured in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the LORD. Psalm 106:25

The Story of the Grumbling Farmworkers

1. God's Grace Is SURPRISING!

Two Big Surprises for the Farmworkers

- The farmworkers who worked 1 HOUR were paid a full day's wage (v. 9).

- The farmworkers who worked 12 HOURS were paid a full day's wage (v. 10).

2. How We Respond Reveals Our HEART!

The Response of the First Group of Workers

They GRUMBLED against the landowner (v. 11).

The Heart of Their Complaint

You have made them EQUAL to us (v. 12).

3. Grumbling Is Only A SYMPTOM!

What Is the Root Cause of Our Grumbling?

It's ENVY—a belief that others are getting what they don't deserve and we are not getting what we do deserve (v. 13-16).

But Underneath the Envy Is an Even Deeper Issue

We've got a problem with GOD—we begrudge His generosity (v. 15).

Takeaway for a Grumbling Heart

- ❖ God is perfectly JUST, so don't grumble about God's undeserved grace in your life.
- ❖ God is incredibly GRACIOUS, so don't begrudge God's unequal generosity in someone else's life.
- ❖ God is abundantly GENEROUS, so be grateful for God's unlimited grace in your life as well as in others' lives.