



What We're Really Hungry For

Exodus 16
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THE BIG IDEA: Like all of us, the Hebrew people worried about the next meal. It is the only one of God's miracles in Exodus to have occurred **14,600** times – the daily provision of manna (and quail in the evening). The LORD repeatedly **provides** for our needs and reminds us that ultimate **satisfaction** will be found in our relationship with Him.

A PORTRAIT OF THE LORD:

- A God who leads you into places of **need** so that you will look to **Him** to meet those needs. [Exodus 16:1-3]
- A God who **tests** His children [Exodus 16:4, 17-20; Exodus 20:20]
- A God who **provides**. [Exodus 16:11-15]
- A God of **grace** and **glory** [Exodus 16:7]

THE PROBLEM WITH GRUMBLING

- Grumbling is sin [1 Corinthians 10:8-10]
- Grumbling reveals a false understanding of our salvation
- Grumbling robs us of enjoying God's blessings
- Grumbling impugns the character of our Holy and Loving God

Definitions: Grumbling is **not** the same as lament, disappointment, heartache, hurt, or disagreement. Grumbling is not a humble cry to the Lord for help, but an insinuation that we could do a **better job** running the universe than God does. Grumbling reveals that we

can't, in that moment, **trust** God for His provision and believe in the **goodness** of His heart.

1. Grumbling and **thanksgiving** are always the two responses we must choose between. [1 Thessalonians 5:18; Philippians 4:6]
2. Grumbling reveals the true condition of my **heart**. [Matthew 15:18].
3. Grumbling is a **contagious** disease. [Exodus 16:2]
4. Grumbling **exaggerates** both the past and the present [Exodus 16:3]
5. Grumblers aim at people, but their real complaint is against the **Lord**. [Exodus 16:8]
6. Grumbling may reveal that I'm failing God's test of **obedience** in all things. [Exodus 16:17-18]

GOD'S DESIRE TO PROVIDE HIS PEOPLE WITH BREAD

- For 40 years the LORD provided food that met their most basic need for nutrition that required minimal effort on their part. It was a **daily lesson** of God's grace and care for them, even when they were disobedient.
- When Jesus taught us to **pray**, He included this: "Give us this day our daily bread". [Matthew 6:11]
- Followers of Jesus need to let bread remind us of the **Word** of **God** on which we feed and nourish our souls and receive direction from God about how to live life. [Matthew 4:4]
- Bread is to point us to **Jesus** Himself, who is the One who saves and **satisfies** us. [John 6:31-51]