

OUTLINE 01/04/26
Avoid Complaining
Numbers 10:11-11:3 (NIV)

Complaining is expressing dissatisfaction with circumstances that are not wrong and about which I'm doing nothing to correct.

¹¹ On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. ¹² Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran.

¹³ They set out, this first time, at the LORD'S command through Moses.

Numbers 10:11-13

The people of God were on the move through God's guidance. After three days journey, the people complained.

¹ Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. ² When the people cried out to Moses, he prayed to the LORD and the fire died down. ³ So that place was called Taberah, because fire from the LORD had burned among them. Numbers 11:1-3

- Complaining is a choice that we train into a habit.
- Complaining is missing the mark and does not please God.
- Complaining must be replaced with thankfulness.

How to Receive Christ:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

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Discussion Questions:

1. What circumstances cause you to complain?
2. In what ways had God met the needs of His people?
3. Why is complaining displeasing to God?
4. In what ways can we be more thankful?