

OUTLINE 01/11/26
Avoid Coveting
Numbers 11:4-35 (NIV)

Coveting – desiring a specific object/situation and making that more important than pleasing God.

⁴ *The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost--also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" ... ¹⁰ Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.*

Numbers 11:4-5, 10

Coveting is wanting...

- the right things for wrong reasons
- the right things at the wrong time
- the right things but wanting them in the wrong amount.

¹⁸ *"Tell the people: 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, "If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!" Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it.*

¹⁹ *You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, ²⁰ but for a whole month--until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it--because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?"*

Numbers 11:18-20

- Coveting has bad consequences.
- Coveting must be replaced with contentment.

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. Why do we want more than what we currently have?
2. What are some of the consequences of coveting?
3. In what ways can we learn to be more content?