

# COMPLAINING

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## Big Idea

In light of all that God has done for us, God's people should respond with a thankful, grateful heart—even when we experience trials and hardships. Trials and hardships are oftentimes God's means of leading us to even greater blessings.

We learn this truth in the example of the Hebrews in the wilderness. God delivered them from bondage in Egypt and sought to lead them to the Promised Land. Yes, they experienced hardships, yet God had a greater plan for them. Unfortunately, when they experienced difficulties and trials, they complained, grumbled and murmured against the Lord. Believers today should not follow the Hebrews' example.

## Complaining in the Book of Numbers

### Pattern

- The people complain.
- God punishes the people.
- Moses prays for the people.
- God removes the punishment.

### Examples

- Numbers 11:1-3
- Numbers 16:41-50
- Numbers 21:4-9

## Reasons Why Believers Complain

- We complain when times get difficult.
- We complain when we disagree with God's leaders.
- We complain when we are impatient with God's plan.

## Why Complaining Is A Serious Matter

- It will hinder the church's growth.
- It will cause disunity in the church.
- It will hinder anything from getting done.
- It may be a sign of a much deeper problem—a sinful, rebellious heart.

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<http://www.crowfieldbaptist.org/salvation/>.