



Redemption

How Jesus Frees Us

Sunday, August 18, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 15: Grumbling, Grace, & a Choice

Exodus 15:22-16:36

God **HEARS** our grumbling, (15:22-16:10)

Our grumbling is **before** God — *He hears it* v. 8

Our grumbling is actually **against** God v. 2, 8-9

Numbers 14:27; Romans 13:2

This is an example, for **our** instruction...

1 Corinthians 10:10-11ff

yet responds with **GRACE** (v. 15:26; 16:12-26ff)

"Just enough... Just in time..." v. 12-18

Philippians 4:19

Choose to *obey*, choose *blessing*...

Choose to *sin*, choose to *suffer*... v. 15:26; 16:19-20

Deuteronomy 8:3-7; 11-18

so that we'd **CHOOSE** Jesus and obey. (v. 27ff)

Your choices today determine your reality tomorrow v. 35

Numbers 11-14

★ The antidote to grumbling is **choosing thankfulness** (remember God's grace... v.32-34)



1:10 groups

HOMework

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** *We were reminded this week to be thankful. Go around your group and share something you’re thankful for in **each** area:*

at Home — at Church — at Work — in your Neighborhood — in your Community — in one other area

2. **Read Exodus 16:1-36.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. One of the biggest challenges we can face is to remain calm and not panic when facing a crisis. Often times, it’s during this sort of challenge that we make an emotional decision or revert to old ways of dealing with stress (often negative). What guidance do the following verses give that could help someone who is tempted to make an emotionally charged decision?

James 1:5

Psalm 25:12-16

Psalm 34:17-20

Proverbs 11:14

4. Can you think of any emotional decisions you’ve made where the above verses could have been helpful?
5. This week’s text is a good reminder that we must go through trials to strengthen our faith. While it can be easy to acknowledge this principle, it doesn’t make it any easier when we’re staring a trial in the face. One of the most comforting reminders is that in addition to God being there for us, we can also turn to other followers of Jesus in the midst of a trial. How do the following verses reinforce the importance of godly relationships when facing trials or hardship?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Proverbs 27:17

Proverbs 22:24-25

Proverbs 12:26

6. As you read through the above verses, can you think of any friend, family member or co-worker that has helped you in these areas?
7. Josh reminded us that the antidote to a grumbling spirit is a thankful heart. In fact, we’re *commanded* to be thankful. **Psalm 100** is a great example of giving thanks to God for things we can easily take for granted. As you read through that short Psalm, jot down different things for which we can be thankful and praise God.
8. Which (if any) blessings in Psalm 100 do you more easily recognize? Are there any that are harder to recognize?
9. **Increasing Your Thanks:** Want to work more on being thankful? Here are some suggestions for making thankfulness a more regular part of your day.
 - Set a recurring calendar notification on your Smartphone to remind you of a verse (like 1Thessalonians 5:16-18) or set a reminder to pray.
 - Got a wall plaque with your favorite verse? Hang it upside-down for a week as a visual reminder.
 - Use your Smartphone’s homescreen for Scripture instead of what you’re using now. Here are some examples you can download for free <https://www.flickr.com/photos/biblelockscreen/sets/72157625663985375/detail/>
 - Put a 3x5 card in your car with praises or a verse on it and read the card at stoplights.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of North Webster Church of God.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Exodus 16:6-12 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

6 So **Moses** and **Aaron** said to all the **people** of **Israel**, "At **evening** you shall **know** that it was the **LORD** who **brought** you out of the **land** of **Egypt**, 7 and in the **morning** you shall see the **glory** of the **LORD**, **because** he has **heard** your **grumbling** against the **LORD**. For what are we, that you **grumble** against us?" 8 And **Moses** said, "When the **LORD** gives you in the **evening** **meat** to eat and in the **morning** **bread** to the **full**, **because** the **LORD** has **heard** your **grumbling** that you **grumble** against him—what are we? Your **grumbling** is not against us but against the **LORD**." 9 **Then** **Moses** said to **Aaron**, "Say to the **whole** **congregation** of the **people** of **Israel**, 'Come near before the **LORD**, for he has **heard** your **grumbling**.'" 10 And as **soon** as **Aaron** spoke to the **whole** **congregation** of the **people** of **Israel**, they **looked** **toward** the **wilderness**, and **behold**, the **glory** of the **LORD** appeared in the **cloud**. 11 And the **LORD** said to **Moses**, 12 "I have **heard** the **grumbling** of the **people** of **Israel**. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat **meat**, and in the **morning** you shall be filled with **bread**. **Then** you shall **know** that I am the **LORD** your God.'"

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