

***God Provides What We Need When We Need It!
Grit Before Greatness! Pt. 4***

Exodus 16
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Exodus 3:7, *The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of My people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey..."*

1. The Children Of Israel Grumble AGAIN

Exodus 16:1, *The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."*

Takeaways From Israel's Grumbling:

- **Grumbling Is A CONTAGIOUS SIN**
Philippians 2:14, *Do all things without grumbling or disputing.*
- **Grumbling Came From Problems Not PLEASURE**
Philippians 4:11, *...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

- **Grumbling Came From Looking Back Not FORWARD**
Hebrews 11:8, *By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going... ¹⁰for he was looking for the city...*
 - **Grumbling Exposed A Failure Of Faith And GRATITUDE**
1 Thessalonians 5:16, *Rejoice always; ¹⁷pray without ceasing; ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*
 - **Grumbling Is A Misunderstanding Of LEADERSHIP**
Exodus 16:8, *Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when He gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because He has heard your grumbling against Him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."*
- 2. God's Regulations Regarding The MANNA**

Exodus 16:15, *When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" ¹⁷The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. ¹⁹Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." ²⁰However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. ²¹Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed,*

and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. ²³He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’” ²⁴So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.

Three Requirements For The Manna:

- **Each One Was To Gather His OWN FOOD**
2 Thessalonians 3:10, ...we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”
- **They Were Only To Gather What They NEEDED**
Matthew 6:9, “This, then, is how you should pray: “‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, ¹⁰Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us today our daily bread.
- **Sixth Day: Gather Double Because The Sabbath Was For REST**

Looking At The Manna And Seeing Jesus:

1. Both Came From Heaven And Were Given By The Father (John 3:13)
2. Both Came To The Wilderness Of Sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
3. Both Came To Where The People Were (John 1:11-12)
4. Both Had To Be Received One At A Time (John 5:24)

John 6:30, So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is

written, ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” ... ³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Next Steps:

1. Take the card provided in the Creek Guide and personally invite a friend to one of our Easter Worship Services.
2. Make sure you are here next week to welcome Johnny Quinn in our Worship Services and Brett Kunkle in our Student Services.
3. If you are currently not involved in a Life Group, please see the booth in the back of the Worship Center. Consider making a 7-week commitment to being in a class for the James study.