



Discipline and Growth

Series: The Land Between: Lessons from the desert

Numbers 11

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CHALLENGES

I EXPECTED TIMES LIKE THIS- BUT NEVER
THOUGHT THEY'D BE SO BAD, SO LONG, AND SO FREQUENT.

PREPARATION/FORMATION

40

FEW RESOURCES

6

GOD'S LEADING

24

PROVISION

5

PURGING/PURIFICATION

12

HARDSHIP

2

THREAT

10

GOD'S GLORY

1

SHOW QUESTION

TIMER: 10

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Numbers 11

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

*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!”***

Numbers 11

¹⁰ Moses heard *the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents*. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ *He asked the LORD*, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors?”

Numbers 11

*¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? They **keep wailing to me**, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴ I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”*

Numbers 11

³¹ Now a wind went out from the LORD and drove quail in from the sea. It scattered them up to two cubits deep all around the camp, as far as a day's walk in any direction. ³² All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they spread them out all around the camp. ³³ But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. ³⁴ Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food.

Questions

- Why so harsh?
- What about Moses?



Numbers 11

*¹⁸Tell 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...*

*²⁰...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?”**’ ”*

Reflections on God's Discipline

- Responding to the desert
- Is the journey redemptive?



⁵ ... *“do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his child.”*