



SERMONS



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Title: Complain don't make a change

Seeking God's hand and not his face

I move between the **sacred and the secular**, I occupy the pulpit and the boardroom. God has given me the grace to do both and I am thankful for that!

I have 3 sermons that I need to deliver.

God wants to deal with hearts today

He wants to be the most prevailing thought, more than anything or anybody in your life.

Complaints will keep you in the wilderness

In the old test

James 5:9 says, "Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned.

the Hebrew word translated "to complain" or "to murmur" is based on the Hebrew word that means "to dwell, to lodge, to pass the night." Do you see how the word came to mean "to complain"? It is because complainers *dwell* on their complaint. They will give the same complaint over and over to anyone who will listen!

12 complaints of Israel

1. Exodus 5 vs. 21 "The Lord look upon you and judge, because you have made our savior to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us. **Disrespecting God's servant**

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2. Exodus 14 vs. 10, 11 Because there were no graves in Egypt, has thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? **Sarcasm**
3. Exodus 15 vs. 24 So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" **Ungratefulness'**
4. Exodus 16 vs. 2 So the whole congregation of the children of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **Grumbling**
5. Exodus 17 vs 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said give us water to drink. And Moses said why do you quarrel with me. Why do you test the Lord .**quarrelling with Authority**
6. Exodus 32 vs 1 and when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount , the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron and said unto him , Make us gods which shall go before us , for as for this Moses , the man that brought us out of Egypt , we won't what has become of him. **Idolatry**
7. Numbers 11 vs 1 And when the people complained , it displeased the Lord and the Lord heard it and his anger was kindled and the fire of the Lord burnt among them and consumed them that were in the uttermost part of the camp. **Complaining**
8. Numbers 11 vs 4 And the mix multitude that was among them fell a lusting (complained)and the children of Israel also complained and said , who will give us meat to eat? **Complaining**
9. Numbers 14 vs. 1" And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried and the people wept that night (They saw the giants) **unbelief and doubt**
10. Numbers 16 vs 41 But on the morning , all the congregation of the children of Israel , murmured against Moses and Aaron , saying " You have killed the people of the Lord (after Korah who started a rebellion was killed) **No remorse for sin**
11. Numbers 20 vs. 2 And there was no water for the congregation and they gathered themselves against Moses and Aaron **rebellion**
12. Numbers 21 vs 5. And the people spoke against God and against Moses , Wherefore have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness , for there is no bread , , there is no water , and our soul loathed this light bread. **Speaking against God**

What the people said:

Exodus 14 vs. 10- 12

And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. **11**And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? **12**Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness

What Moses said

Exodus 14 vs. 13 - 14

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. **14**The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

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What God said

Exodus 14 vs. 15

KJV: And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

NIV: Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on

New Living Translation Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.

In other words,

1. cease your complaining to me.
2. Stop praying to me
3. Do something
4. Go forward

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