

# Exodus 16 TESTING TIMES

## As followers of Jesus are we characterized more by **grumbling** or by **gratitude**?

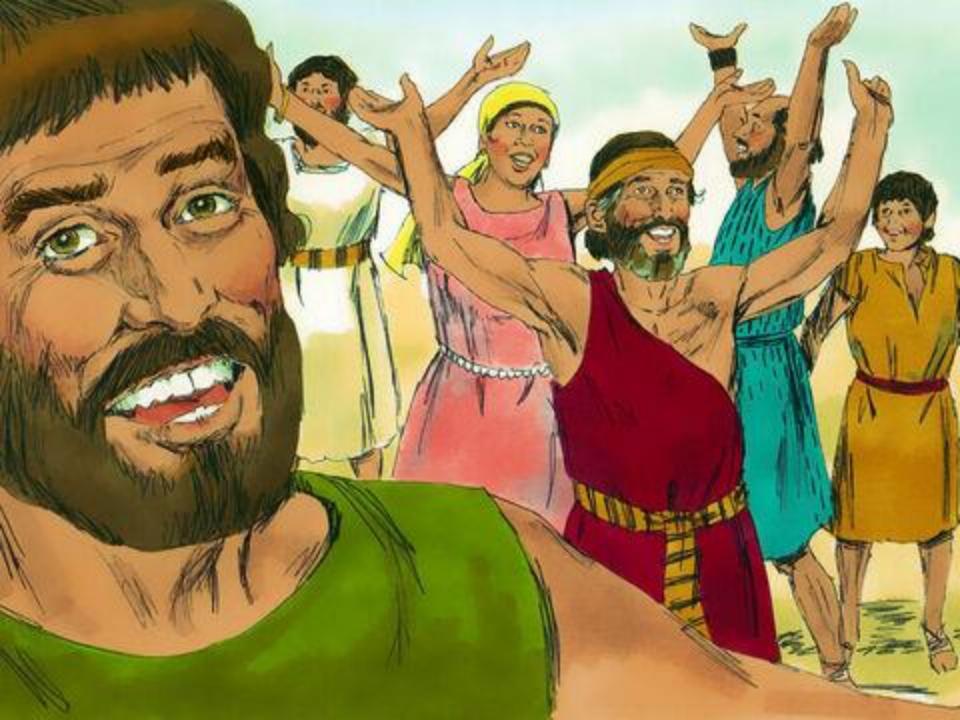














#### A grumbling pandemic...

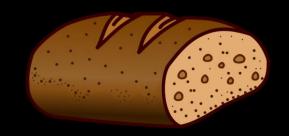
V2-3: In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

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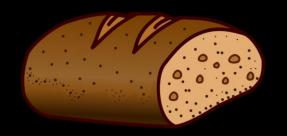
**V8:** Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but **against the LORD**."

#### A lesson for us...

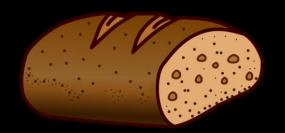
1 Corinthians 10v11: These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us...



**V4:** Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

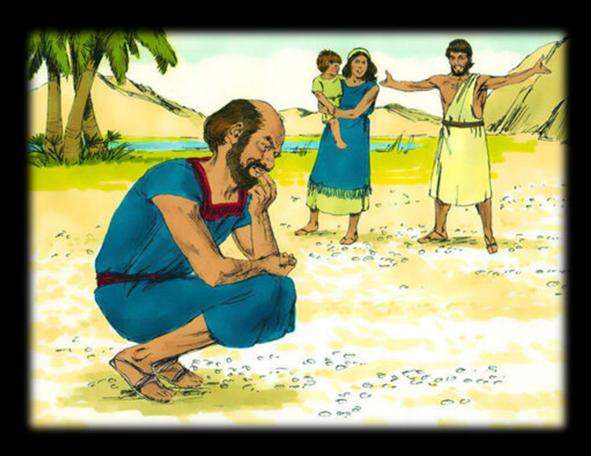


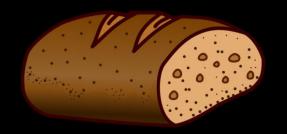
V12: "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God."



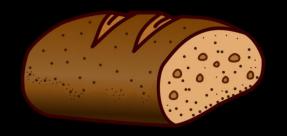
V15: It is the bread the LORD has given you

to eat.

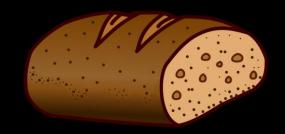




John 6v30-31: So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

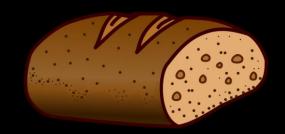


John 6v32-33: Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

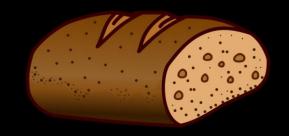


John 6v34-35: "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

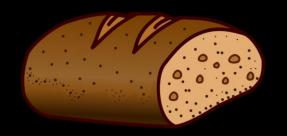
Ife. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



**Eph 1v3:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with **every spiritual blessing in Christ**.



Pardon, purity and power
Perfect peace each day and hour
Hope of life forever more
Christ is all I need



**V4:** Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to **go out** each day and **gather** enough for that day.

We can't afford to be passive!!



**V4-5:** Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."



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Mt 6v11: Give us today our daily bread.



**15v22:** Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they travelled in the desert without finding water.



**Deuteronomy 8v2-5:** Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known...



Deuteronomy 8v2-5: ...to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

### 2) A God people who test...



V2: So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

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V7: And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"