

**Title:** Numbers | The Not-Little Sin of Complaining  
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Whenever the ark set out, Moses would say:  
Arise, LORD!  
Let your enemies be scattered,  
and those who hate you flee from your presence.  
When it came to rest, he would say:  
Return, LORD,  
to the countless thousands of Israel.  
(Numbers 10:35-36)

Now the people began complaining openly before the LORD about hardship. When the LORD heard, his anger burned, and fire from the LORD blazed among them and consumed the outskirts of the camp. Then the people cried out to Moses, and he prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. So that place was named Taberah, because the LORD's fire had blazed among them. The riffraff among them had a strong craving for other food. The Israelites wept again and said, "Who will feed us meat? We remember the free fish we ate in Egypt, along with the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. But now our appetite is gone; there's nothing to look at but this manna!"  
(Numbers 11:1-6)

Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses because of the Cushite woman he married (for he had married a Cushite woman). They said, "Does the LORD speak only through Moses? Does he not also speak through us?" And the LORD heard it. Moses was a very humble man, more so than anyone on the face of the earth.  
(Numbers 12:1-3)

...God was not pleased with most of them, since they were struck down in the wilderness...And don't grumble as some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer.  
(1 Corinthians 10:5,10)

"...my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said, "Sir, give us this bread always." "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in me will ever be thirsty again...Therefore the Jews started grumbling about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Isn't this Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"  
(John 6:32-35, 41-42)

**Gratitude destroys grumbling or grumbling destroys gratitude.**

*Reflection Question: What's one step you can take to grow in your gratitude this week?*