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What Have You Complained About That You Later Thanked God For?

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READING 1

Read Numbers 11:1–6

Commentary

The people complain about hardship and then about the manna. They remember the food of Egypt but forget the slavery. Complaining selectively edits the past. It magnifies comforts once enjoyed and minimizes the bondage that came with them.

1. What are the people complaining about in these verses?

2. What do they conveniently forget about Egypt?

3. How does complaining distort our memory of the past?

READING 2

Read Psalm 106:13–15

Commentary

They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel. He gave them what they asked, but sent a wasting disease among them. Sometimes God grants the demand of a complaining heart, and the grant itself becomes judgment.

4. What does this psalm say the people forgot and failed to do?

5. What is the danger of demanding our own way from God?

6. How can answered complaints actually harm us?

READING 3

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

Commentary

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Thanksgiving is not reserved for good circumstances. It is a command rooted in God's will and character, not in our comfort.

7. What three commands does Paul give here?

8. What is something you once complained about that you later thanked God for?

9. What current complaint do you need to turn into thanksgiving this week?