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**REVIEW** – Let's remember what we have learned ...

- **Exodus 16** Sinful grumbling is a rebellious complaining with our **MINDS** and **MOUTHS**.
- James 3:1-12 5 Warnings about the Tongue

Warning #1 – The tongue is <u>faulty</u>. vs. 1-2

Warning #2 – The tongue is forceful. vs. 3-4

Warning #3 – The tongue is fiery. vs. 5-6

Warning #4 – The tongue is feisty. vs. 7-8

Warning #5 – The tongue is <u>forked</u>. vs. 9-12

**INTRODUCTION** – Is all grumbling/complaining wrong?

• A <u>GODLY</u> complaint is to take your problems to the Lord or others and talk <u>TO</u> Him with the goal to trust and obey Him.

*"With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him."* — Psalm 142:1-2

Psalms of Lament

• **SINFUL** grumbling is to take your problems to the Lord or others and talk **ABOUT** the Lord because you don't really think God is good, faithful, loving, or powerful.

## LESSON – Grappling with Grumbling: Why Do We Grumble? (Exodus 15:22-16:12)

## I. WHY DO WE GRUMBLE – The Causes?

We forget we are in a **TEST**. 15:22-27 (Cf. Deuteronomy 8:1-2)

Application #1 — With obedience comes <u>BLESSING</u>. With disobedience comes <u>DANGER</u>.

We forget the LORD who brought us out. 16:1-7 (Cf. Numbers 11:4-6)

**Application #2** — We are not to **DENY** the circumstances, but we do **DECIDE** who (not what) will control our lives.

We forget how **<u>GRACIOUS</u>** God is. 16:8-12 (Cf. vs. 13-36; John 6:26,31,35,41-51)

**Application #3** — The manna (temporary bread) satisfied Israel for <u>40</u> years. Christ (the eternal bread) satisfies our deepest hunger <u>NOW</u> and <u>FOREVER</u>!

## II. WHAT SHOULD WE DO - The Cure?

## **3 Practical Things**

**PAUSE** and humbly receive the truth about yourself. (Matthew 12:34)

**PRAY** for God to change you. (Ephesians 6:18)

**<u>PURSUE</u>** gratitude. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)