

## Numbers 11-12 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on Num 11:16-20 what was God's solution for Moses (v16-17, 18-20)? What would be the result (v20)? Why (v20)?
5. Using 11:21-23 what was Moses' reaction to God's declaration (v21-22)? What was God's answer (v23)? What does this reveal about Moses?
6. Looking at 11:24-30 how was God's 1st (v17) promise to Moses fulfilled (v24-25)? What else happened (v26) and how did Joshua (v27-28) and Moses (v29) respond?
7. According to 11:31-35 how did God fulfill His 2nd promise to Moses (v31) and what was the result (v32-33)? Describe the aftermath (v34-35) and what they should have learned.
8. From 12:1-3 what was the next complaint (v2) and why was this ludicrous (v3)? Who complained (v1) and what was their excuse for complaining (v1)? Who was listening (v2)?
9. Using 12:4-8 what did the Lord do (v4-5) and what did He say (v6, 7-8)? What principle does this reveal and how should we apply it?
10. Based on 12:9-16 what was God's judgment (v9-10) and Aaron's request (v11-12)? How did Moses respond (v13) and how did God answer (v14)? What occurred (v15-16)?
11. Looking back at Num 11-12 what were the various complaints and the root of them? Based on God's response how does He view complaining? How can you apply that?

### Scripture to Remember

"Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!"

*Numbers 11:29 (NASV)*

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### Life Group Questions—A Portrait of Jesus (Heb 11:29)

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. When you are driving do you usually follow detours or try to find another way? Share with the group a significant detour in your life and how you responded.
2. Read Heb 11:29. Why did God take Israel towards the Red Sea instead of through the Philistines? How did this demonstrate His patience? His power?
3. As you look back what were some of the results that occurred for you when God took you on your detour?
4. Define discipline. How was God teaching Israel discipline? Why is it true that "If blessing comes before maturity it isn't a blessing, it's a curse"? Give examples about this from your own life regarding 1) marriage, 2) money, or 3) management.
5. Discuss how you identify "dead-ends" in your life. What has caused them?
6. How do we discover God's guidance—3 things? What type of counsel do most of us look for? Why should you look for someone who knows the truth and has no agenda?
7. Why is it important to 1) resist your fear and 2) renew your faith when you come to a dead-end?
8. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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## Quit Your Belly-Aching Introduction to Numbers 11-12

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The old-timers used to say to someone who constantly complained, “Quit your belly-aching”. It doesn’t do any good to keep talking about how one’s stomach hurts; they should just take their medicine and be quiet until the pain is gone. In Numbers 11-12 Israel was “belly-aching” a lot. In the first section the standard gripes were seen. It opens by saying the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the Lord. This was insane in view of God’s presence, guidance, provision, and protection. This kindled the Lord’s anger and He caused fire to burn on the outskirts of the camp. When the people cried out He made the fire stop. Their next gripe was about food. The greedy rabble was discontent with manna and wanted meat instead,

weeping for the food of Egypt. This displeased Moses and again kindled the anger of the Lord. Moses also complained to God about the burden of carrying “God’s people”. Fortunately, these gripes had solutions from God. Because Moses was such a humble man God lifted his great weight by providing help from seventy of Israel’s elders. He had them stand at the doorway of the tabernacle and then gave them the same Spirit that He had given Moses, allowing them to care for the people too. He promised to also help Moses by sending quail the next evening for the people. Evidence of God’s fulfillment of the first promise came when the elders briefly prophesied in the camp. God fulfilled his other promise by sending quail the next day that covered the camp three feet deep. As the people were



**Unbelief can cost God’s kingdom an entire generation.**

eating, though, the Lord sent a plague on them because of their greed. Finally, there was a surprising power grab by Miriam and Aaron. They believed God had spoken through them, too, and disparaged Moses because of his Ethiopian wife. When God heard this He was incensed; the humble Moses was His personal friend. So, He inflicted Miriam with leprosy. At Aaron’s request God restored her but still made her stay outside the camp for seven days to be cleansed. The people had tried God’s patience; He wanted them to quit their belly-aching.

## Daily Study Questions for Numbers 11-12

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.thehospitalchurch.com](http://www.thehospitalchurch.com), small groups, abf)

1. Read Num 11:1-3. What attitude did the people adopt and how did God react (v1)? What did the people then do and what was the result (v2-3)? Apply.	
2. Look at 11:4-9. What was the next complaint (v4-6, 7-9) and who was the source (v4)? What was their real problem (v4, 5, 6-9)?	
3. Using 11:10-15 how did God and Moses feel about the complaints (v10)? What was Moses’ response (v11-12, 13, 14) and his final request (v15)? Why (v15)?	

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