

# The Land Between

“Finding God in Difficult Transitions.”

*“We all go through hard times, but some grow through them and others grow bitter through them, what’s the difference?”*

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## DISCUSSION STARTER

Describe a time when you had to wait a significant amount of time for something good (like a job, a baby, a spouse, a livable income, a rebellious child’s return...). What lessons did you learn from the wait?

**READ: Numbers 11:4-20**

**The Land Between is fertile ground for... Complaint** Read: Numbers 11:4-6

Why do people remember “the good old days,” when they really weren’t that good?

Do you ever find yourself looking back and longing for what was? How is this impacting your emotional and spiritual growth?

**The Land Between is fertile ground for... Emotional Collapse** Read: Numbers 11:10-15

Who is complaining in this passage? (*The people in 11:10 and Moses in 11:11-15*)

How would the people justify their right to complain? (*If God was taking them out of slavery, why would he make the trip to the Promised Land worse than the slavery itself?*)

How did Moses justify his right to complain (*He didn’t ask for this job of leading Israel, God pressed him into service*)

Where is the focus when we ask “why me?” and where *should* the focus be?

Give an example of something better that you have thought if you had it you would then be happy (e.g. better job, house, income, marriage).

**The Land Between is fertile ground for...God's Provision Read: Numbers 11:16-17**

When we are focused on ourselves and on our needs, why do we doubt God's ability or willingness to meet our needs?

How have you seen God provide for you in the past?

What is an area or a need that you need to trust God for today?

**The Land Between is fertile ground for...God's Discipline Read: Numbers 11:18-20**

The people were complaining about the lack of meat to eat (cf. 11:4-5), in what ways did God provide for their complaints (11:19-20)?

What was the issue behind the complaint of the Israelites that God revealed by answering their request? (*rather than learning to trust God for what we really need, and learning to accept what we have as God's best, we tend to focus on what we don't have and think that these things are what we really need*)

Is it sinful to complain? When is it helpful, when is it destructive?

How does God's answer to our complaints help us? How can God's answering our prayers actually hurt us?

**The Land Between is fertile ground for...Faith to Grow**

It is easy to trust God when we see His mighty acts, but how do you trust Him in the monotony of day-to-day life?

Read Romans 5:1-5. What reasons does Paul, the author of Romans, give for rejoicing in suffering? What is an area in your life where you can choose to trust that what God has allowed or even given you is best for you (see Philippians 4:4-7)?

Pray for one another and their area for choosing to accept God's provision for them this week.