

LESSONS from the WILDERNESS

SERMON SERIES: Lessons From the Wilderness

SERMON TITLE: Complaining

KEY TEXT (NKJV): Hebrews 3:7-19

OTHER TEXTS (NKJV): 1 Corinthians 10:10, Numbers 16:1-49, Numbers 14:36-37, Romans 16:17, Exodus 18:13-26.

BIG IDEA: God, in His love, continually speaks to His people, calling them to trust and obey Him. How we respond to His call always matters. The example of Israel in the wilderness warns us that experiencing God's power is not enough; unbelief, sin, and a hardened heart can take root, causing us to drift from Him and ultimately miss the fullness of His promises and purpose. Therefore, what we do with God's voice today is critical. We need to intentionally guard our hearts, remain anchored in His Word, stay accountable in community, and respond with immediate obedience. We must position ourselves to walk in His rest and fully enter into all that He has prepared for us.

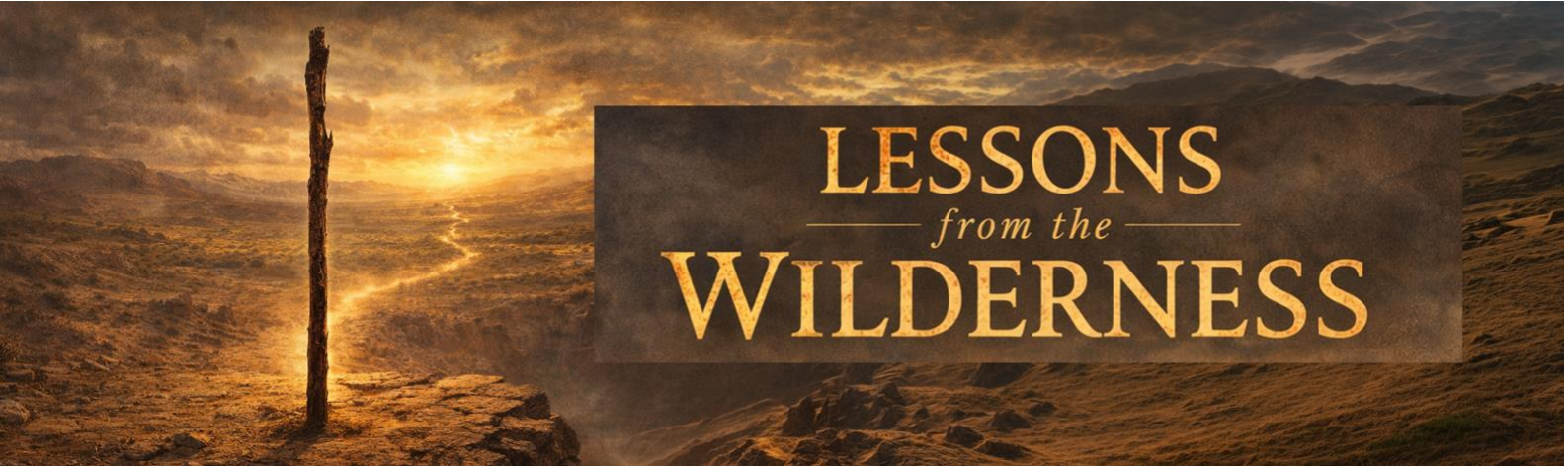
In this fourth sermon of the series, Pastor Walker reminds us to recognise the danger of complaining, align ourselves with God's will, and choose faith by responding with trust and obedience.

Hebrews 3:7-19 NKJV

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore, I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' So, I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers. For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now, with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

God Bless You!

The Connection Groups Office



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Leader Heads-Up: Do a quick check-in with those present and **not and** allocate some time to the prayer points below.

A. Start Talking:

What has helped you stay engaged or motivated to participate in CG activities? In what ways can you support others when they struggle to participate consistently?

B. Start Thinking

1. Identify the attitudes or tensions exposed by Korah and his colleagues in **Numbers 16:3, 10, 12-14, and 19 NKJV**. In what ways do you see similar attitudes show up in your life today? Read **Philippians 2:14 NKJV**.
2. Read **Numbers 16:23-27 NKJV** and share what stands out to you about the instruction to “get away” from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. How might that apply to you in real-life situations?
3. In observing Jethro’s posture in **Exodus 18:17-26 NKJV**, what do you notice about how Jethro approaches Moses? Share how you typically respond when you receive advice or correction, and identify what makes it easier or harder to receive.

C. Start Doing

1. **Intentionally** resist complaining by choosing gratitude and trust in God, especially in areas where you feel dissatisfied or uncomfortable.
2. **Choose** to respect and support the leadership God has placed in your life, recognizing that your attitude toward them reflects your attitude toward God.
3. **Do not entertain** or participate in conversations that promote discontent, division, or criticism, but will instead promote unity, faith, and solutions.
4. When you **encounter** challenges or frustrations, you must take them to God in prayer and seek practical, godly solutions rather than complaining.

D. Start Praying (Pray as a group during the meeting)

1. **Corporate Church Prayer:** We pray that we guard our hearts against complaining and rebellion, support and uplift our leaders, walk in maturity, and become solution-minded believers who build bridges rather than cause division (Numbers 16:1-49 NKJV).

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