

# Complaint Department

## WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?

Attitudes are...

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...\_\_\_\_\_ of thinking...

...formed over a \_\_\_\_\_ period of \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ our attitudes and \_\_\_\_\_ them into \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 3:7-11 (NIV) *So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.*

"THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO HARDEN THEIR HEARTS TOWARDS GOD  
WILL SPEND THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WILDERNESS."

Numbers 11:1 *Soon the people began to complain about their hardship, and the LORD heard everything they said. Then the LORD's anger blazed against them...*

COMPLAINING: EXPRESSING \_\_\_\_\_ WITH A  
\_\_\_\_\_ THAT IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ AND ABOUT  
WHICH I'M DOING NOTHING TO \_\_\_\_\_.

God \_\_\_\_\_ complaining.

Number 11:1 (ESV) *And the people complained in the hearing of the LORD about their misfortunes, and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp.*

Numbers 11:2-3 (ESV) *Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire died down. 3 So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.*

*Numbers 11:4-6 Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. "Oh, for some meat!" they exclaimed. 5 "We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. 6 But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!"*

*Numbers 11:10 Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.*

*Numbers 11:18-20 "Tell the people: 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, "If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!" Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. 19 You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, 20 but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?"' "*

*Hebrews 12:5-7 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?"*

*Jonah 2:8 (NLT) Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies.*

*Numbers 11:31-35 Now the LORD sent a wind that brought quail from the sea and let them fall all around the camp. For miles in every direction there were quail flying about three feet above the ground. 32 So the people went out and caught quail all that day and throughout the night and all the next day, too. No one gathered less than fifty bushels! They spread the quail all around the camp to dry. 33 But while they were gorging themselves on the meat —while it was still in their mouths—the anger of the LORD blazed against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. 34 So that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (which means "graves of gluttony") because there they buried the people who had craved meat from Egypt.*

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF:

1. Am I a \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Am I \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences of my complaining in my \_\_\_\_\_ with God?

3. Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_?

*Hebrews 4:2,3 (MSG) We received the same promises as those people in the wilderness, but the promises didn't do them a bit of good because they didn't receive the promises with faith. If we believe, though, we'll experience that state of resting. But not if we don't have faith.*