

A group of people are seated around a wooden table outdoors, possibly at a cafe or restaurant. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a light blue shirt is looking off to the side with a serious expression. To his left, another man in a white shirt and red scarf is also looking in the same direction. In the background, a woman with long dark hair is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. The table is set with plates of food, including what looks like a salad and some bread. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet contemplation or concern.

Complain Not

Numbers 14

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Syllabus Shock



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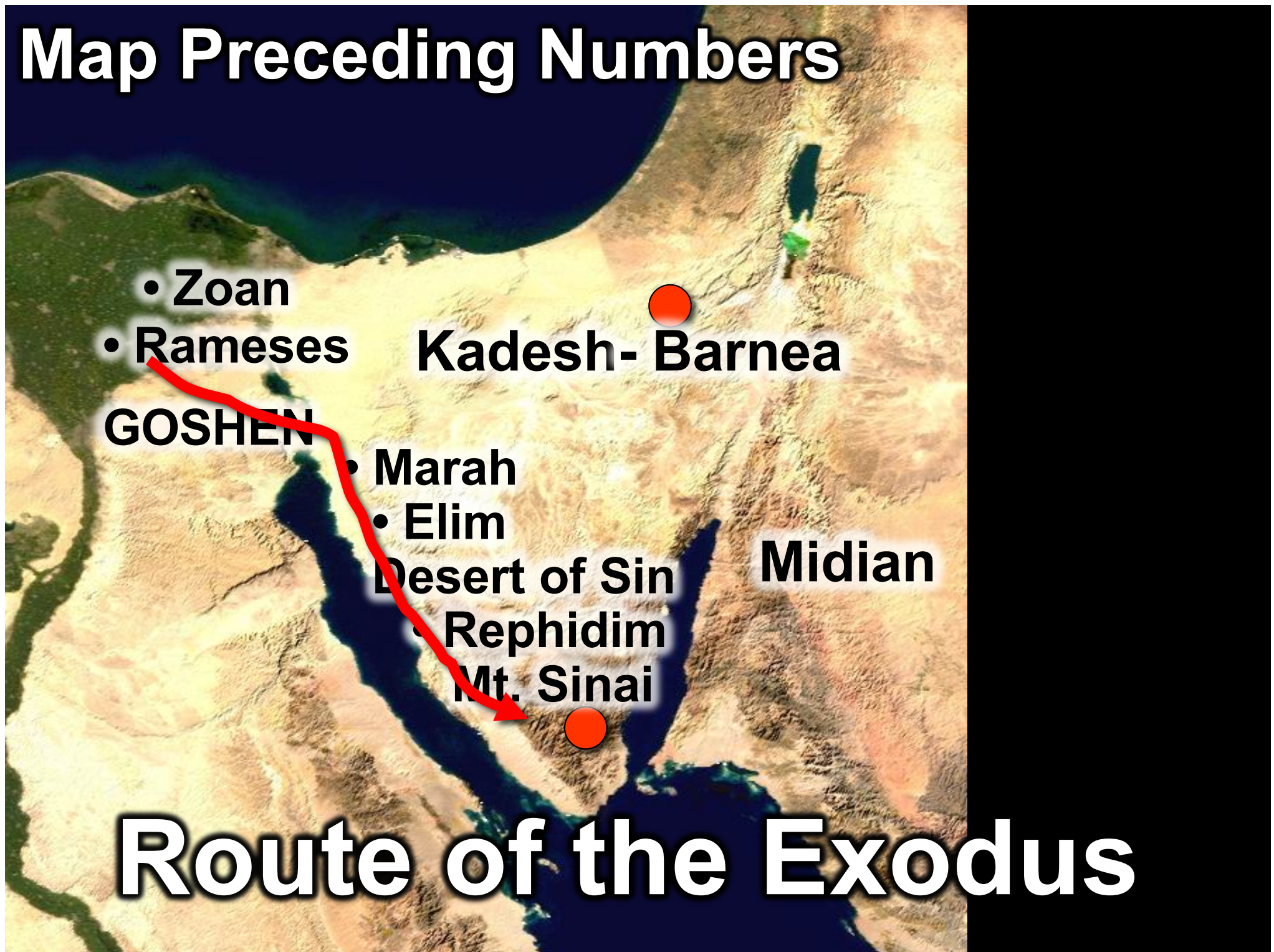


5 STEPS

**How should we respond
to God's will?**



Map Preceding Numbers



Route of the Exodus



Numbers 4

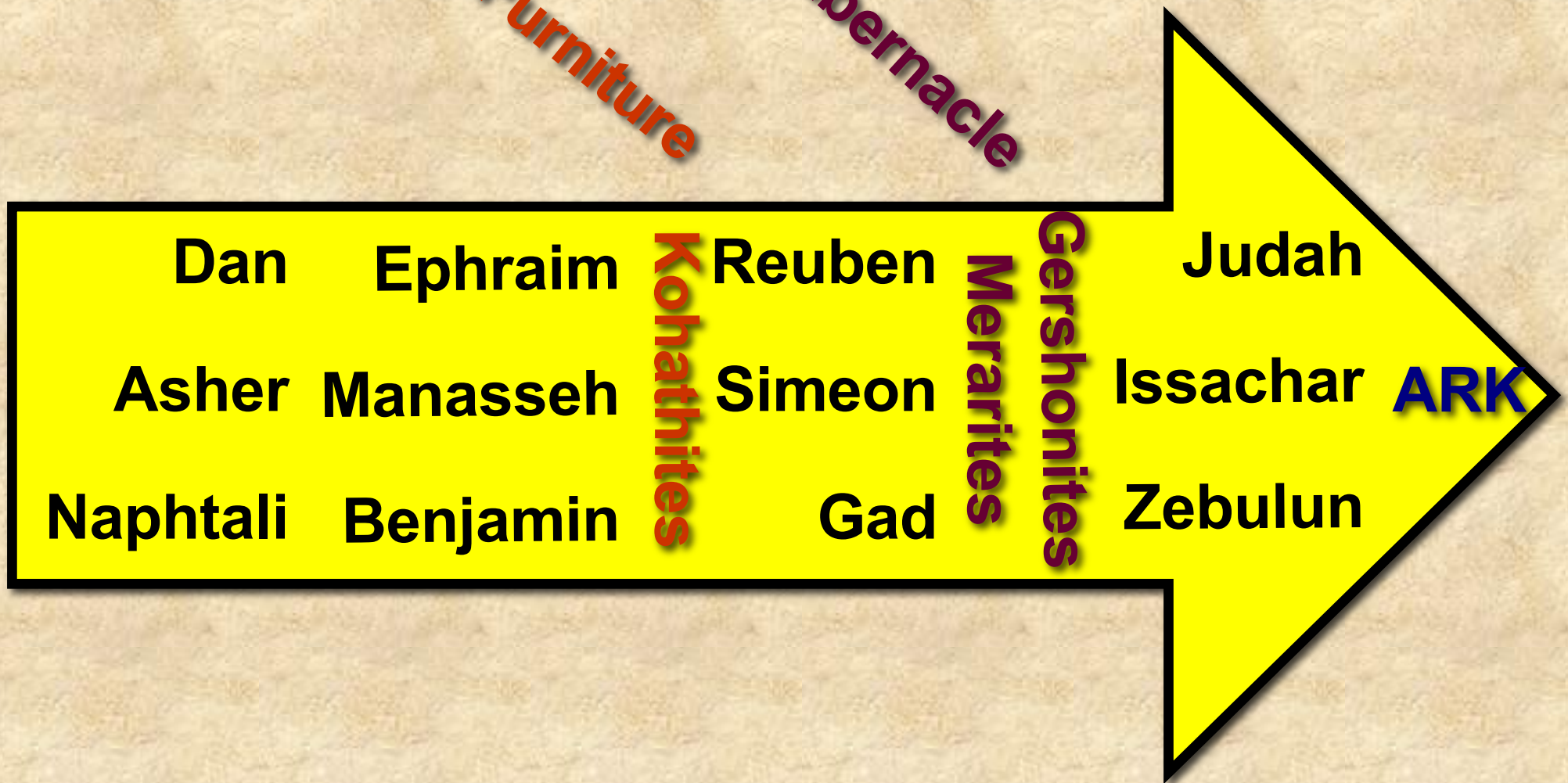
Putting it together...

The Marching Line

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Furniture

Tabernacle



Numbers 2; 10:11-28

Numbers 1–12 Map



A map of the Sinai Peninsula and surrounding regions, showing the route of the Israelites' journey. The route is marked by a red dotted line starting from a red dot in Egypt, passing through the Red Sea, and ending at a red dot on the Sinai Peninsula. The map includes labels for various locations and regions.

- Zoan
- Rameses
- GOSHEN**
- Kadesh-barnea**
- Marah
- Elim
- Desert of Sin**
- Rephidim
- Mt. Sinai**

Route of the Journey

The Spies Return



Numbers 13

An aerial photograph of a vast, flat landscape, likely a coastal plain or marsh, with patches of green and brown. In the distance, there are mountains and a body of water. The sky is blue with some clouds. A large, bold, orange letter 'G' is superimposed on the left side of the image. To the right of the 'G', the words 'ood iants rasshoppers' are written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font, with a slight shadow effect.

Good giants grasshoppers

The Majority Report

Numbers 13:26-33

Aurora Borealis, Northern Lights, Alaska



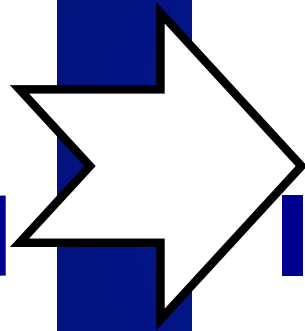
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The Minority Report

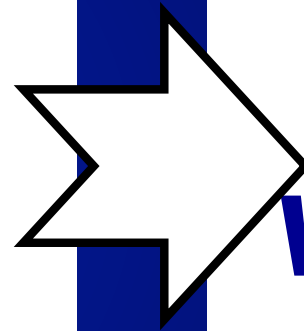
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**DON'T
COMPLAIN**



**PRAY
INSTEAD**



**BE
WARNED**

Where we're going

**How should we respond
to God's will?**



**1. Don't
complain!**



Numbers

14:1-12

Preparation to Occupy the Land

Preparing the Old Generation		Postponement for Unbelief					Preparing the New Generation		
1:1–10:10		10:11–25:18					26–36		
God's Faithfulness		Israel's Faithlessness					God's Faithfulness		
God's Blessings		God's Discipline					God's Blessings		
Israel's Commitment		Israel's Complaining					Israel's Commitment		
Order		Disorder					Reorder		
Mount Sinai		Wilderness					Moab		
20 Days		38 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days					ca. 5 Months		
Organization (1–4)	Sanctification (5:1–10:10)	To Kadesh (10:11–12:16)	Kadesh Sin (13–14)	Wilderness (15–19)	To Moab (20–21)	Moab Sin (22–25)	Provision for Land (26–27)	Offerings & Vows (28–30)	Final Preparations (31–36)

Grumbling in the Wilderness

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Paul N. Benware, *Survey of the Old Testament*, 68

SCRIPTURE	ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT	MOSES' RESPONSE	GOD'S RESPONSE
Exod. 14:11	Pharaoh's army	Encouraged Israel to trust God	Delivered Israel
Exod. 15:24	Bitter water	Cried out to God	"Healed" the water
Exod. 16:2	Lack of food	Rebuked Israel	Supplied manna
Exod. 17:2	Lack of water	Prayed to the Lord	Water from the rock
Num. 11:1	God providing food	Anger & prayer	Judgment
Num. 14:2	Moses' leadership	Pled with Israel, prayed to God	Judgment
Num. 16:2	Moses' leadership	Rebuked & prayed	Judgment
Num. 16:41	Moses	Prayed	Judgment
Num. 20:2	Moses & lack of water	Rebuked Israel Struck rock	Supplied water
Num. 21:4	Moses & manna	No response	Judgment

Are you a complainer?



Are you a complainer?





**"Do
everything
without
complaining
and
arguing"
(Phil 2:14)**

Philippians 4:13

I can do
EVERYTHING
through HIM
who gives me
STRENGTH

2. Pray instead of complaining (13-19).



The Gaze-Glance Principle

Seeking God's **Hand**

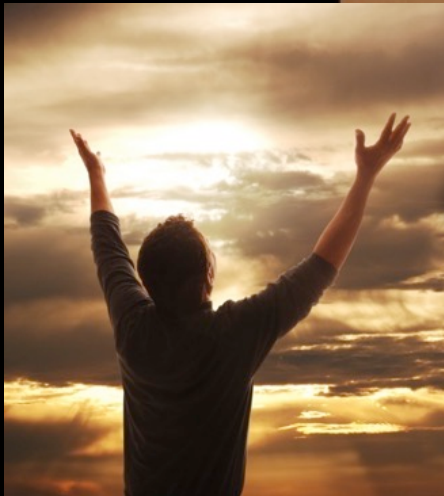
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OT Discipline



DRESSING THE STAGE



MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

God's Report

Handbook pg. 26-29

Key Verses

Discipline—"Not one of the men who saw my glory and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the desert but who disobeyed me these ten times—not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers..." (God to Israel in Num. 14:22-23)



Photo: Barry Beitzel

Wilderness of Zin

**After 39½
years of
wandering in
the desert,
Mrs. Moses
secretly
asks for
directions.**



Num. 32:49; 34:1

YOU MEAN...
40 YEARS?
OUT HERE?

MOSES

Exodus

Sinai

M - C - C

Kadesh Barnea

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Divine Discipline

Handbook pg. 26-29

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How Complaining is Killing You (and What to Do Instead)

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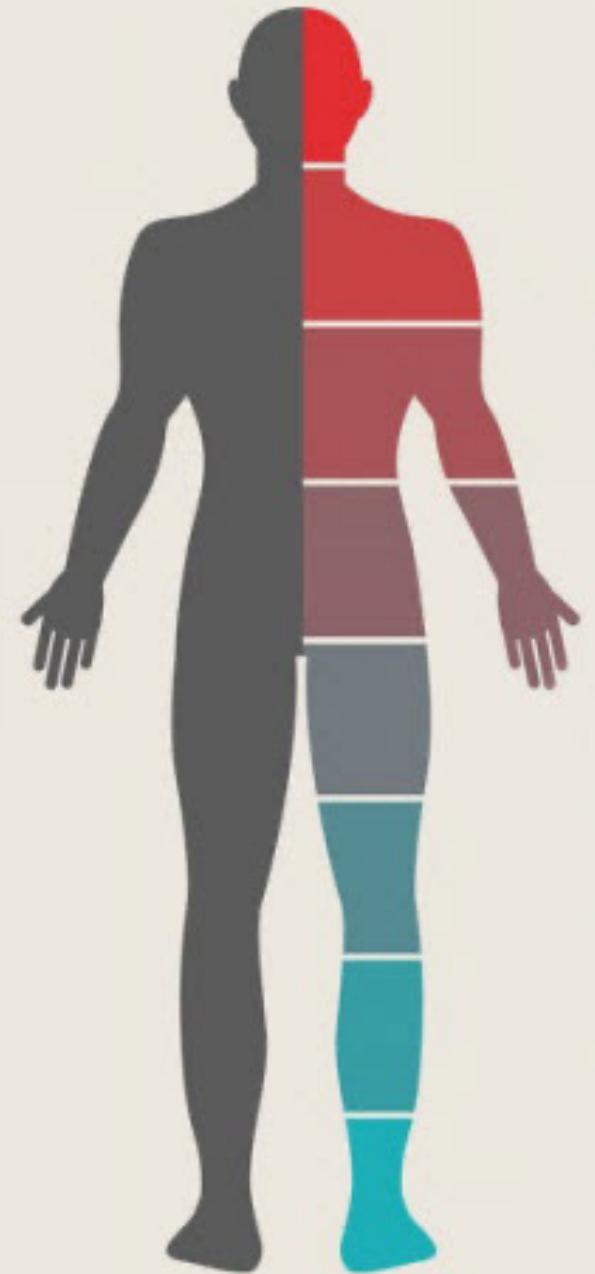
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Complaining Harms Your Body

Whenever we complain about something from the past, our bodies react as though we were reliving the experience. Our heart rate and blood pressure rise, and our brains release the stress hormones adrenaline and cortisol, triggering our fight-or-flight response. Our muscle tissue goes into a tense state of hyper-readiness, and non-essential systems like digestion go on temporary shutdown.





**The key to a better life:
Complain less, appreciate more.
Talk less, listen more.
Want less, give more.
Hate less, love more.
Scold less, praise more.
Fear less, hope more.**

—Michael Josephson—

**How should we respond
to God's will?**



Main Idea



Instead of complaining,



**pray like
Moses**

**1. Don't
complain!**



2. Pray instead of complaining (13-19).



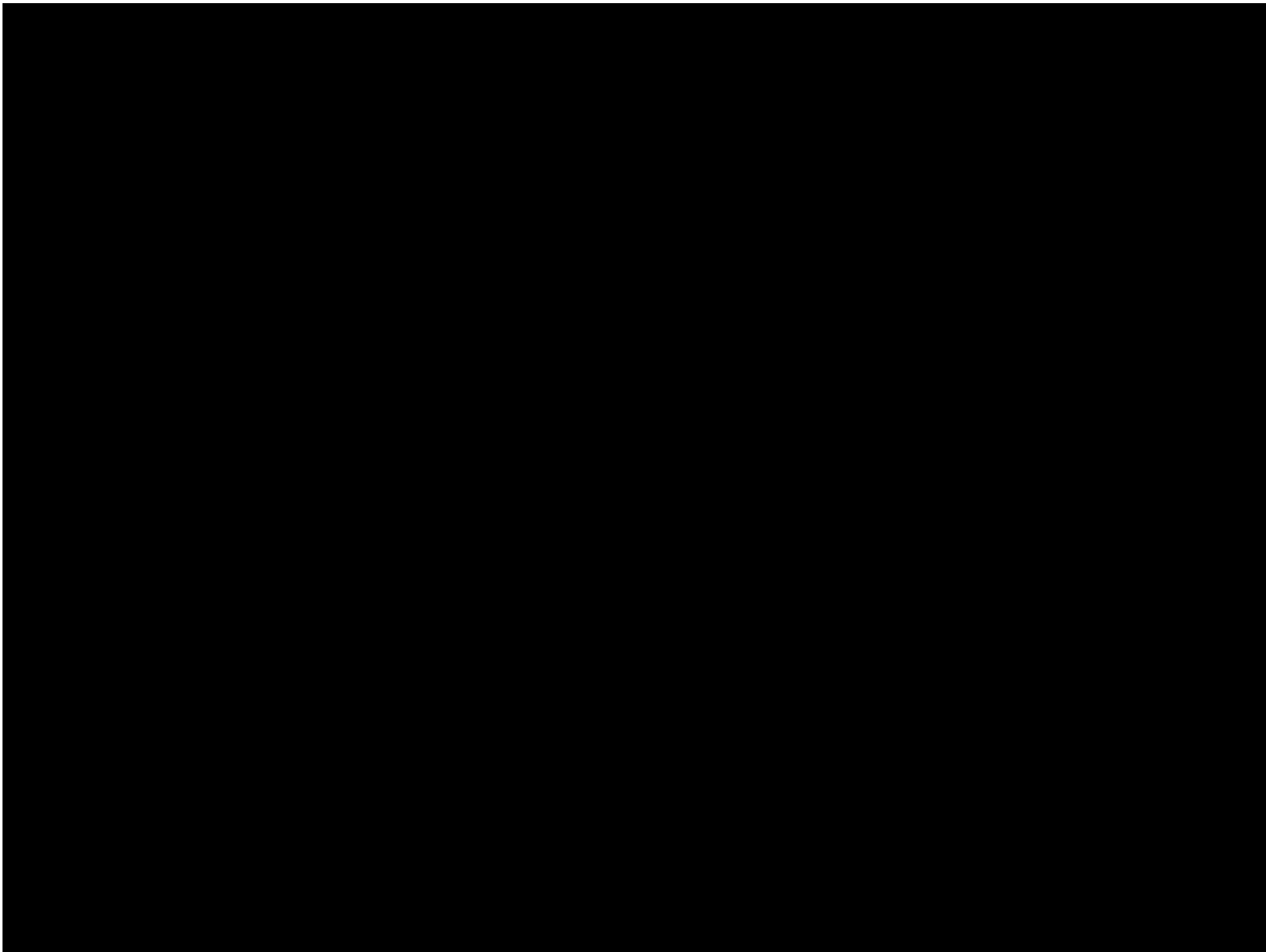
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How to Be Prepared

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- **Realize that God has given you everything you need to do His will, but disobedience deserves discipline.**
- **God will get His will done either through you or despite you.**
- **Are you characterized by commitment or complaining?**



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