

## **Wandering**

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### **Summary:**

God's people continually show themselves to be rebellious, while Moses reminds them of what they must do to truly follow God's plan.

### **Think about:**

- God was very clear about his directions in biblical times. He spoke audibly to Moses. He guided the Israelites through the desert with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Although God doesn't communicate in quite the same way today, he still speaks to us – through his word – and he still guides us – through circumstances and through open and closed doors. His messages are very clear and his commands are obvious.
- The Israelites complained about the food, the journey, and the lack of water. Miriam and Aaron complained about Moses and his Cushite wife. What was God's reaction to the Israelites' complaints? (see, for example, Numbers 11:18-20)
- Now it is time to deal with your own complaints. Do they have to do with lack of possessions? Place of residence or work? Other people? Circumstances?
- What attitude do we show by complaining? What can you do to eliminate the complaints in your life? Read Philippians 2:12-18. What does Paul say about complaining?
- God's people would continue to be complainers all of their lives. They were constantly rebelling against god's plan. Near the end of Moses' life, he clearly tells God's people what is at stake – life or death; blessings or curses. (see Deuteronomy 30:11-20)

### **Take away:**

We have been called in the Scriptures to follow God completely, but we will need to trust him to do this. We also need to realize that his plan is the best plan and when we wander our own ways he is always there to welcome us home and bring us mercy.

### **Prayer:**

Father, thank you for finding me when I have wandered off in my own direction. Thank you for sending Jesus to die and rise again so that I may be forgiven and live forever with you. Keep me close to you always. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.