

REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE

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Exodus 15:19-21

¹⁹When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the Lord brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. ²⁰Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. ²¹Miriam sang to them:

*"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."*

Exodus 16:1-3

¹The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin...²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

grumbled = lwn (loon) = obstinate complaining

"Too often the church complains against the culture instead of creating it. The energy being spent on criticism is being stolen from creativity. It's sideways energy...I try to live by Michelangelo's maxim: criticize by creating. Quit complaining about what's wrong, and do something that makes a difference. Write a better book. Start a better business. Create a better product. Run a better campaign. Draft a better bill. Produce a better movie."

– Mark Batterson

"Sometimes the greatest opposition to what God wants to do next, comes from those who were on the cutting edge of what God did last." – R.T. Kendall

Exodus 16:4-5

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

Exodus 16:8

Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

Exodus 16:17-20

¹⁷The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸And when they measured it by the omer [9 cups], the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. ¹⁹Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." ²⁰However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.