

GRATITUDE & GRUMBLING

EXODUS 15-16 – ERIC SIMPSON – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Approximately 6 weeks has passed since God parted the Red Sea...

Exodus 16:1-3

¹ The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The 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 = *luwn* (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

God's Way



core temptation on the "blue line" = grumbling
core spiritual practice = gratitude