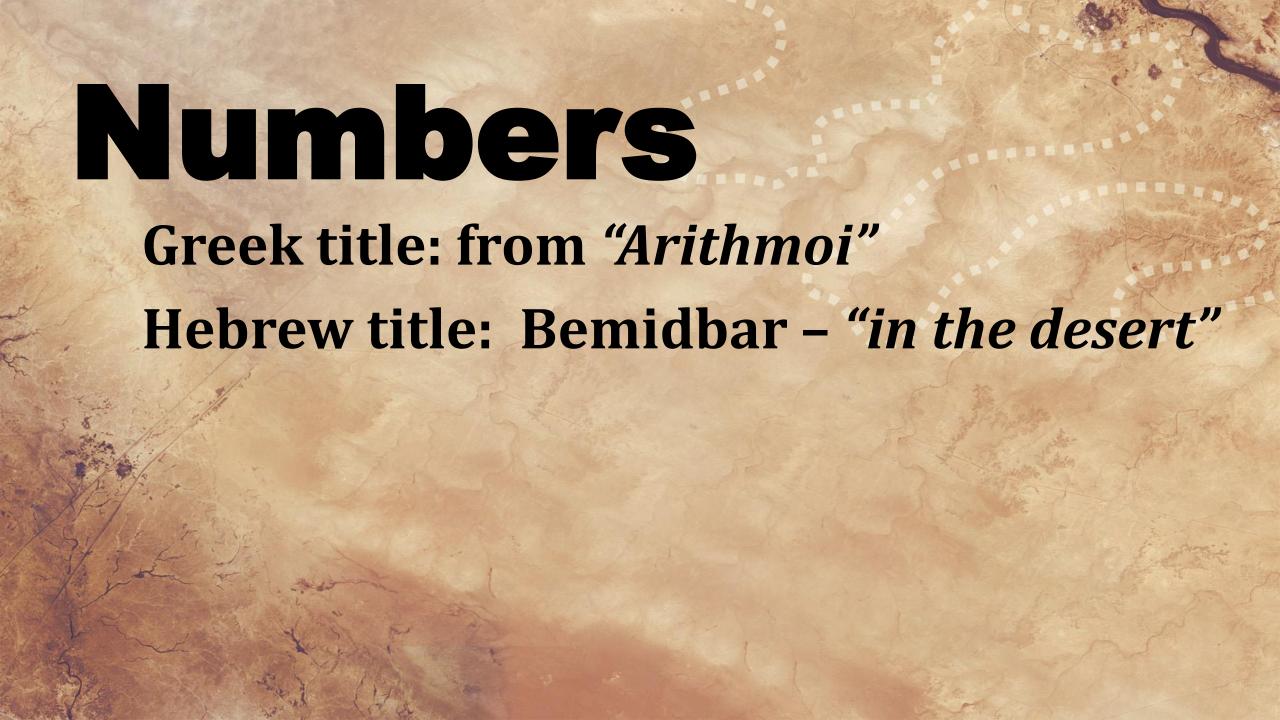
The GOD You Can TRUST

Part 8: The "If Only" Syndrome

Numbers 11





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Lesson #1: When we concentrate on what we don't have, we forget about what we do (vv. 1-9).











"We take a few tentative steps away from the land we knew well and then, at the first sign of rejection, failure, stress, or hardship, we can't think of anything but returning. Maybe our addiction was bondage but it was familiar! We know the terrain, and what to do when we were there."



"A return to slavery looks foolish when we see it in others. We want to yell out and remind them that there was nothing back there in Egypt but misery. But the moment it feels like we are in the wilderness, our vision of the Lord is blurred and our old idolatry suddenly looks appealing again."





The path back to slavery and your old life – begins when we start to forget.

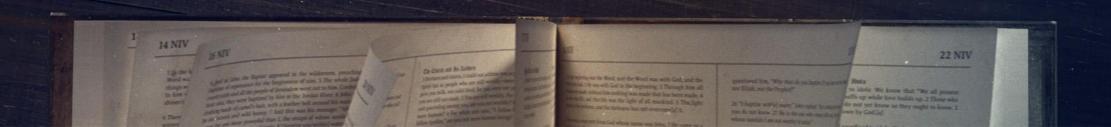
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"But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19



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Lesson #3: Be careful what you request of God, you may get more than you bargained for (vv. 18-20).



Sometimes God giving us exactly what we ask for, before we realize that wasn't what we wanted after all.





Lesson #4: Never underestimate God's power (vv. 21-34).



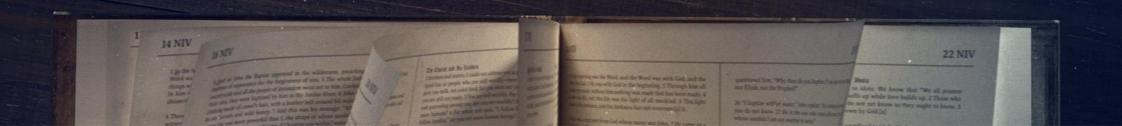


- 1. Recognize that discontentment is lust and lust is sin.
- 2. Be wary of developing a "spirit of discontentment" and be careful around those who are contagious.
- 3. Tell God that you accept the circumstances He has placed in your life.
- 4. Realize that contentment is a learning process.





Philippians 4:11



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