



# What's Inside?

Series: *Moses #6* Noah Largent 11/21/15

Exodus 16:1-4,12&31-33 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. <sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> 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."<sup>4</sup> Then 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.

<sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

<sup>31</sup> The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. <sup>32</sup> Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.'"

<sup>33</sup> So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omer of manna in it. Then place it before the Lord to be kept for the generations to come."

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

*Did the Israelites really think that they were being led out into the desert to die? Apparently, this is what they thought. And it is easy to see why. They did not look past themselves and their own needs, so they turned their frustrations on to Moses and God. All they could see was that their needs, right then and there were not being met. As foolish as their actions may seem to us, my guess is that many of us may have more in common with the Israelites than we like to admit.* -NIV Application Commentary. By Peter Enns, pg. 342

## Reflection Questions:

1. Is your life characterized more by **Grumbling** or **Gratitude**?
2. Where in your life is God testing you? What does He want you to discover about yourself from it?
3. The key source in learning to hear Gods voice is the Bible, how much time each week are you spending reading and reflecting on it?

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## Sierra's Weekly Action Plan:

Nov. 23: Don't ever forget that God is for you, not against you! Testing is for your benefit, to help you gain insight into what your heart & head are really relying on in life. God or something less?

Nov. 24: Read Hebrews 1:3 and Exodus 16:10. Compare what they tell us about Jesus and God's glory. What does God want to teach you about life as you come to see His glory more clearly?

Nov. 25: Read John 6:25-58. How does Jesus connect his life to the manna from our Exodus 16 story? Clearly some are following Jesus with false motives (that he confronts), what false motives might Jesus confront you on?

Nov. 26: It's a great day to express your gratitude! Share with someone a few reasons why your grateful for God's provision in your life.

Nov. 27: Remember, others are watching how you respond to life's challenges. The "show bread" (Exodus 16:33) was to be a reminder to others of Gods good provision. Is your life "showing" others how you've come to rely on Gods provision and timing?

Nov. 28: Last week Dan wrote: "Be nice to your Pastors". I say, "what? like Sierra isn't lovin' on you Dan?" John, Rex and I have nothing to complain about! Seriously, as Pastors we are grateful for all your support and encouragement! Happy Thanksgiving.