

March 1

Numbers 6:22-27

As God continued to give Moses the law, He also told Moses how he was to speak a blessing to the people of Israel. This blessing is very familiar and is often used in worship services.

Question to Consider:

God gave Moses instructions on how he was to speak a blessing to the people. How might you speak a blessing to someone this week?

Prayer:

Loving God, please use me to bless someone else this week. Whether it is through an act of kindness, or saying words that encourage and lift up, help me to be a blessing to someone this week. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

March 2

Numbers 11:1-9, 18-20, 31-34

In these selected verses, we read about the people of Israel complaining as they traveled in the desert. God heard their complaints and was angered by them. He gave them what they asked for, but it was not what they expected.

Question to Consider:

The people were no longer slaves, but still they complained. Think of a time recently when you complained. What did you complain about? Were you justified in complaining?

Prayer:

Father God, sometimes when I complain there is a good reason, but many other times it is not justified. Please help me to develop a spirit of gratitude, so that I spend more time giving thanks than complaining. I pray in the name of the One who gave his all, Jesus. Amen.

March 3

Numbers 13:1-2, 17-33

God was promising the Israelites a new land, a land "flowing with milk and honey." In these verses, we read about scouts who were sent to look at the land and the people living there.

Question to Consider:

Have you ever had to "scout something out?" Maybe you took a look at what might become your new school, or new neighborhood. What do you recall from that experience?

Prayer:

Loving God, help me to trust you when I am about to enter into a new, unfamiliar situation. Help me to not be afraid, but rather help me to have faith. Increase my faith! In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

March 4

Numbers 14:1-9, 26-45

These two passages are related. In the first passage, the people complain against God, but they are urged by Moses and Aaron to have faith. However, their grumbling continued and in the second passage we read about God's response.

Question to Consider:

God decided on a punishment for the Israelites. Do you think that was an appropriate punishment? Why, or why not?

Prayer:

Almighty God, you call me to have faith and to obey you. Help me to do that every day, but especially when whatever I face seems big and frightening. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

March 5

Deuteronomy 6:4-25

In these verses, we read basic instructions from Moses to the people about remaining faithful to God. He tells them to remember their story – that they were slaves in Egypt who were freed by God. He also encourages them to tell their story to their children.

Question to Consider:

What is your faith story? Could you tell it if someone asked? It might be an opportunity for you to help someone else come to know God.

Prayer:

Gracious God, help me to remember my faith story, my own story with you, and then help me to tell it. Use me and my story to help someone else come to know you. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.