



The Cure for Grumbling
Series: The Gospel of John, #16
John 6:41-71
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Theme: **Replace unhealthy faith with healthy faith to defeat grumbling.**

Some symptoms of this disease.

1. "We have the answers." (41-51)
2. "It's too difficult to understand and accept what God says." (52-65)

Some results of this disease.

1. Discouragement and desertion. (66-67)
2. Discipline. (for example, Numbers 16:41-50)

Some of the cure for this disease.

1. Recognize that grumbling is sin. (43; Philippians 2:14-15; James 5:9; 1 Peter 4:9)
2. Accept that only God has the final answers. (68)
3. Build certainty based on your experience of faith in God. (69)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we looked at the cure for grumbling or complaining about God, His Word, His work and His people. Read John 6:41-71 focusing on the grumbling going on. Put yourself on a *grumble watch* this week—ask God to keep you aware of any rising waves of complaining. Make a list of them, and ask God to help you trust Him in each of those situations.

Tuesday. Review the symptoms of deficient faith which lead to grumbling (see the outline). Do you see these symptoms in any current situations in your own life?

Wednesday. Grumbling is a cancer. Review the results of grumbling we noted on Sunday (see the outline). The results are both self-inflicted and part of God's discipline. Complaining is not harmless! How is your *grumble watch* going?

Thursday. Today review the two key parts of true faith which cure grumbling (see the outline). These are areas where we can and should constantly be growing. As with other aspects of our spiritual life, we need to be specific and disciplined to build these into our lives. Focus on these traits over the next weeks to do that.

Friday – Saturday. Sunday we move on to chapter 7 in John's gospel where we see the situation going *from bad to worse*. Read the chapter as you prepare for our time together.