

“Would You Like Some Cheese For That...”

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“I can't complain, but sometimes I still do.”

Joe Walsh

Exodus 15:22-27 (NIV)

²²Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" ²⁵Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the LORD made a decree and a law for them, and there He tested them. ²⁶He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, Who heals you." ²⁷Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

We Already Know This

People are _____
_____.

The Rule of 5%

No matter what you do, there will always be _____% of your clients who won't be happy.

"People are never so successful or secure that they're beyond being hurt."

What Can I Do?

I need to admit that _____
_____.

Complaining is like bad breath, you can always notice it when it comes out of other people's mouth.

A complaining attitude
questions God's wisdom
doubts God's care
forgets God's goodness

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

I need to work on _____.

Instead of complaining that the rosebush is full of thorns, be happy that the thorn bush has roses.

Irish Proverb

¹⁴Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe... "

Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

I need to _____
_____.

"A kind answer soothes angry feelings, but harsh words stir them up." Proverbs 15:1 (CEV)

"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Proverbs 25:11 (NIV)

Say and do something positive that will help the situation; it doesn't take any brains to complain.

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