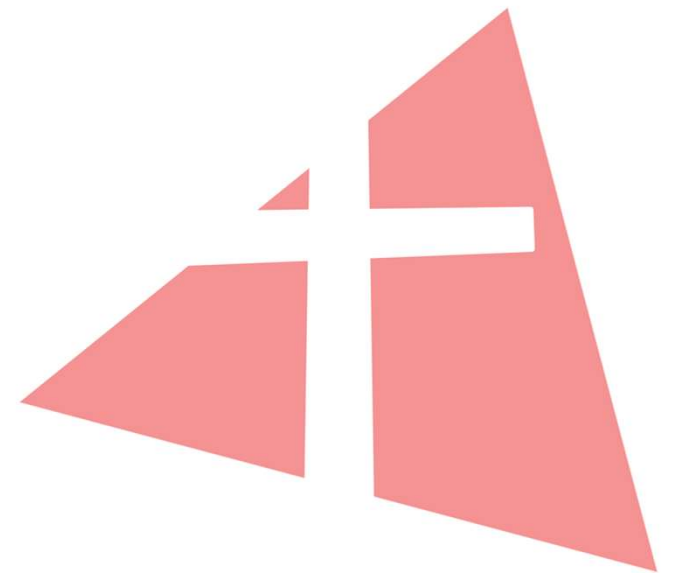


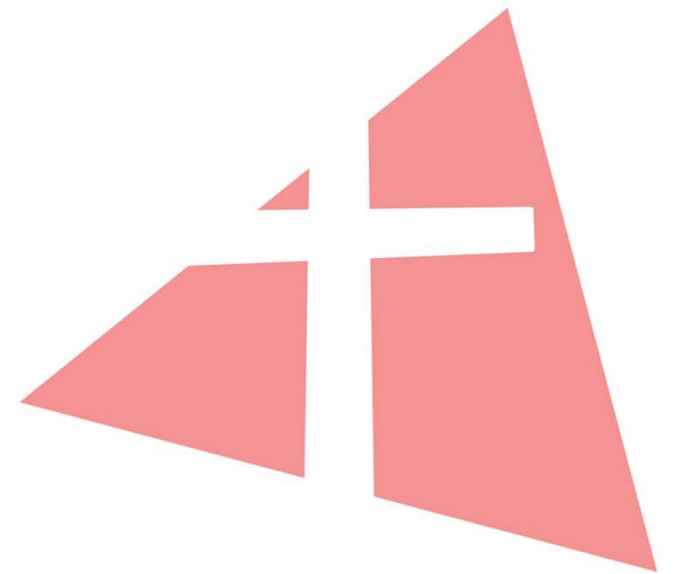
# Complaints

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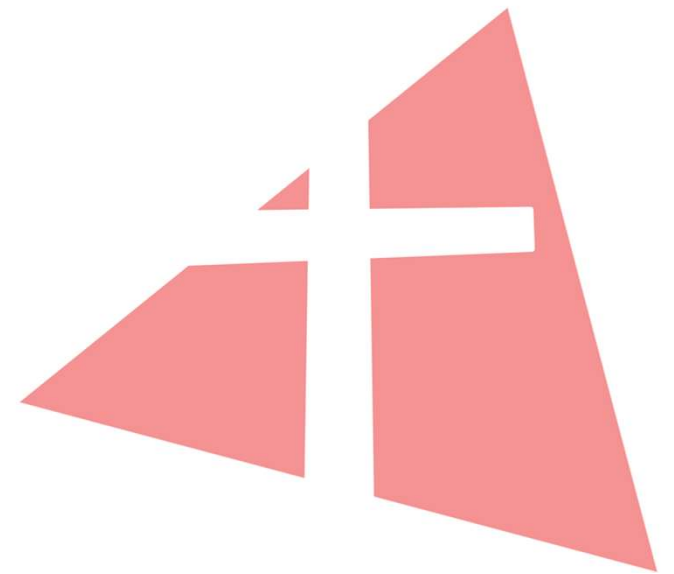
# Our Series

- **Come Boldly**



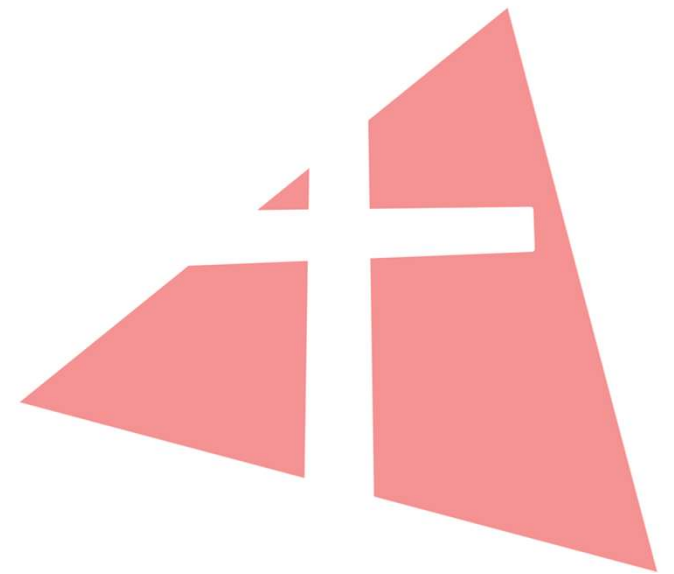
# Today's focus

- **Complaints**



# Complaints

- **Complaints about God's provisions**



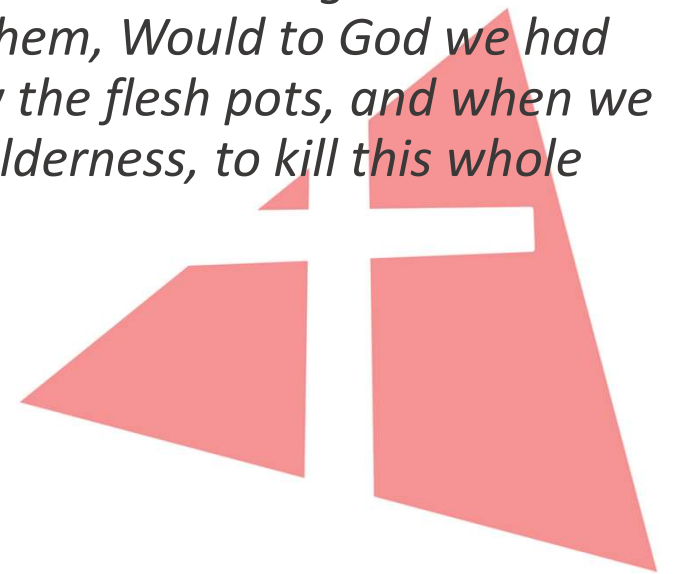
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*Exodus 15:24* And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?



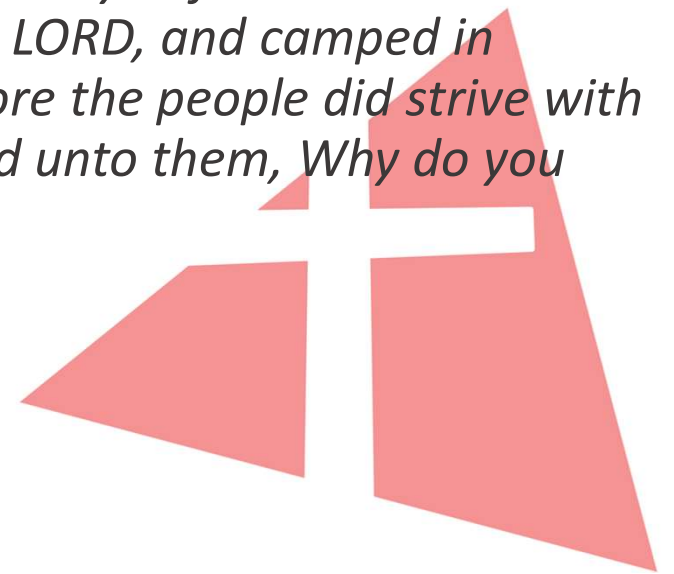
# Complaints about provisions

***Exodus 16:2-3** And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for you have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.*



# Complaints about provisions

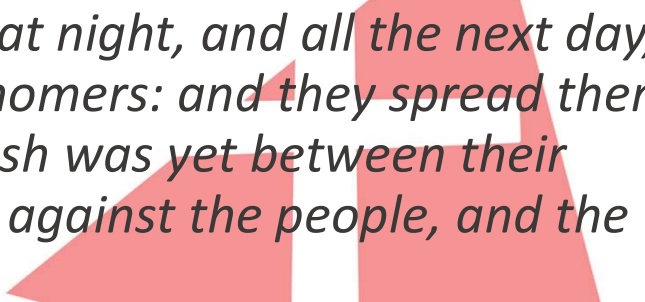
***Exodus 17:1-2** And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people did strive with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why do you strive with me? why do you test the LORD?*



# Complaints about provisions

**Numbers 11:4-6** *And the mixed multitude that was among them had a strong craving: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, besides this manna, before our eyes.*

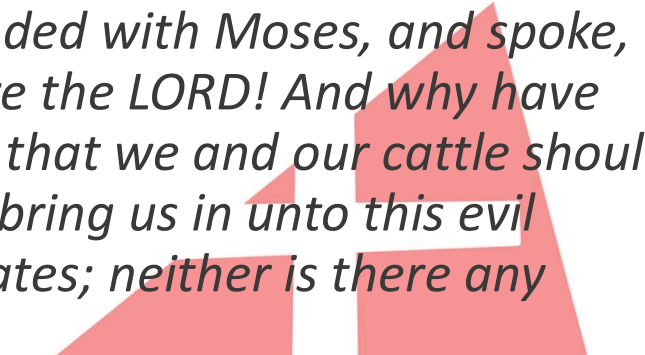
**Numbers 11:32-33** *And the people stood up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quail: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was consumed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.*





# Complaints about provisions

**Numbers 20:1-5** *Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people contended with Moses, and spoke, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have you brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.*



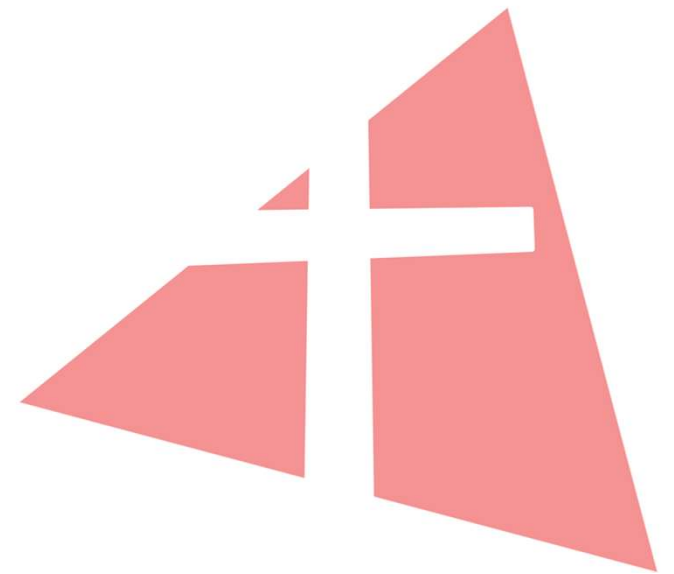
# Complaints about provisions

***Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*



# Complaints

- **Complaints about God's ways**



# Complaints about God's ways

## ○ Exodus 5:1-22

*Exodus 5:21* And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because you have made our favor to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

*Exodus 10:1-2* And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him: And that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have done in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that you may know that I am the LORD.

# Complaints about God's ways

- Exodus 14:11-12

*Exodus 14:11* And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? why have you dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?



# Complaints about God's ways

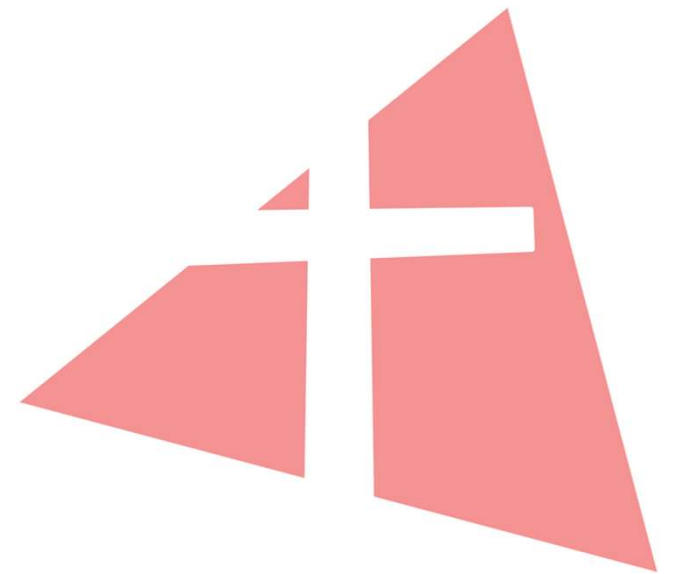
- **Numbers 14**

*Numbers 14:4* And they said one to another, Let us choose a leader, and let us return into Egypt.



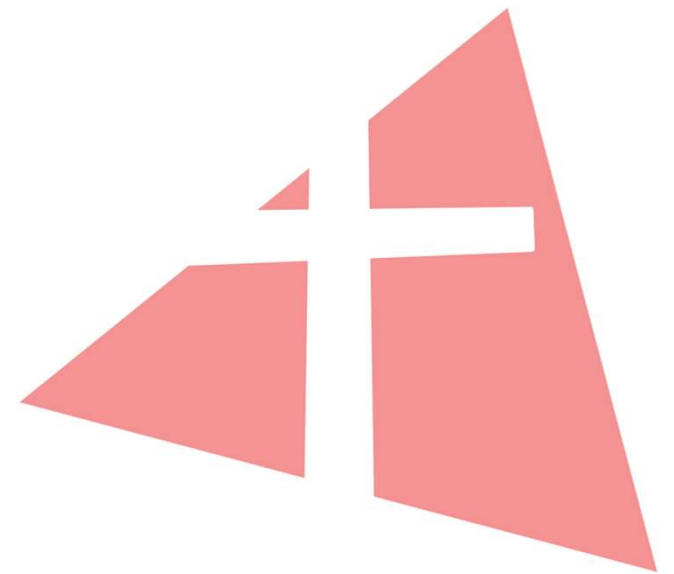
# Complaints about God's ways

- **Sometimes we complain when ...**
  - ... we can't see God's ways
  - ... we don't trust God will deliver us



# Complaints

- **Complaints about God's calling**
  - We don't like our own calling
  - We envy other people's calling





# Complaints about God's calling

- **Numbers 12**

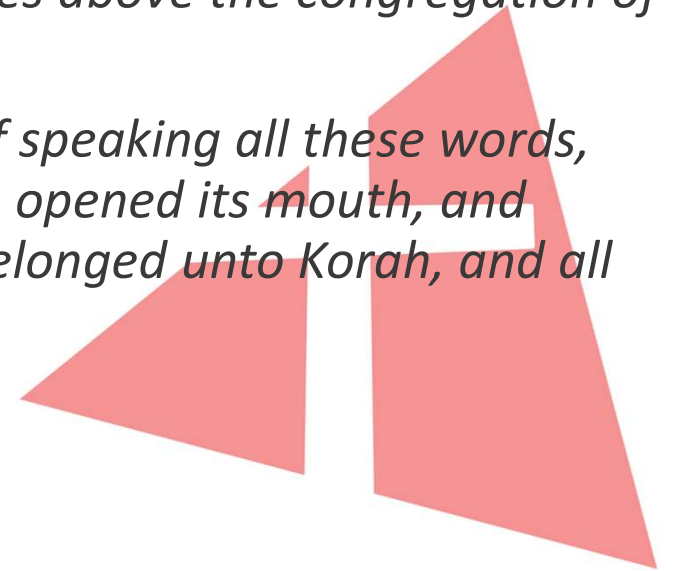
***Numbers 12:1-2** And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Has the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? has he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.*



# Complaints about God's calling

**Numbers 16:3** *And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, You take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: why then lift you up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

**Numbers 16:31-32** *And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground split asunder that was under them: And the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that belonged unto Korah, and all their goods.*



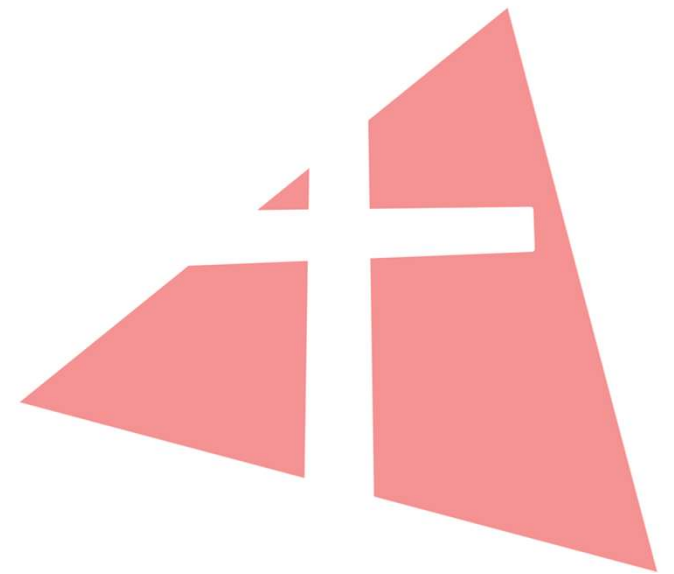
# Complaints about God's calling

**Numbers 16:41** *But the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of the LORD.*



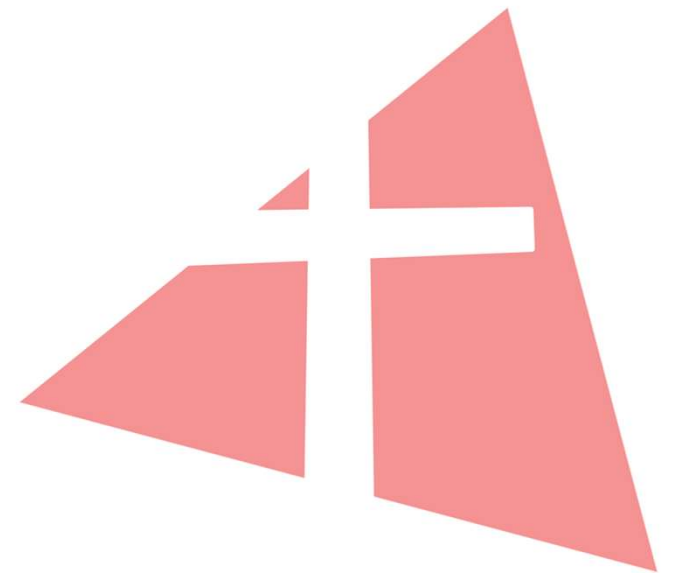
# Complaints about God's calling

- **Sometimes we desire someone else's calling**



# Complaints

- **Complaints because of idols**



# The Golden Calf

***Exodus 32:1** And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, who shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what has become of him.*

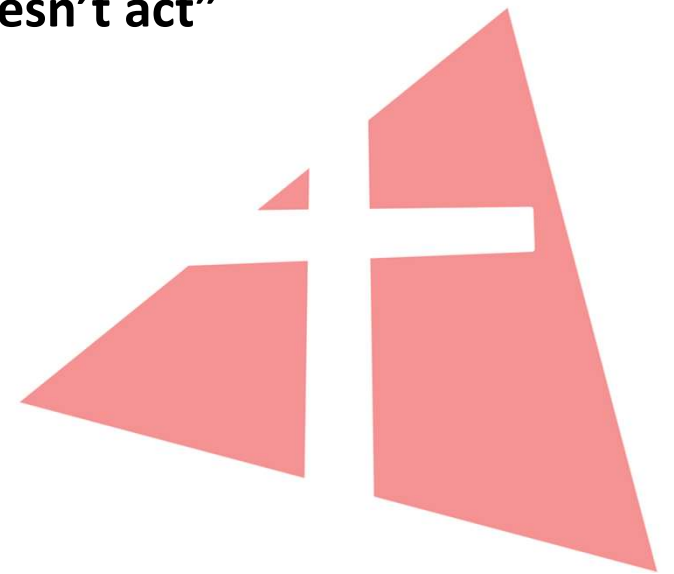
***Exodus 32:4** And he received them from their hand, and fashioned it with an engraving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.*



# One more detail

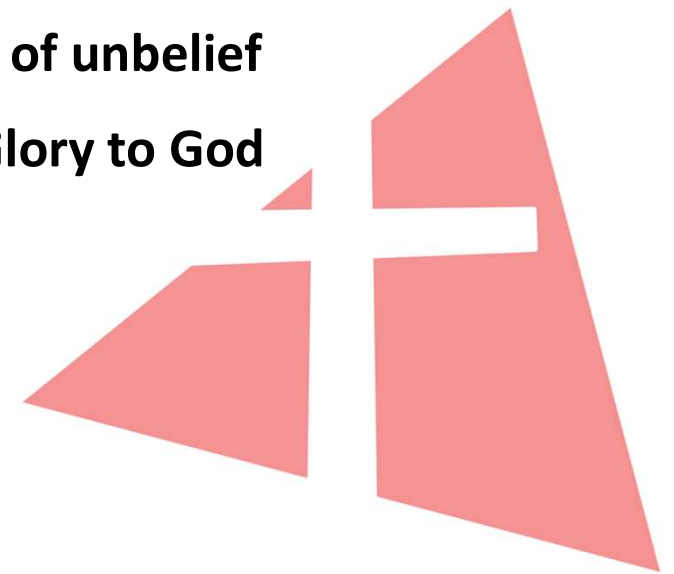
- **God was never late**
- **All they complained about was “what might happen if God doesn’t act”**

*God won't do what He promised He would do!*



# An important distinction

- **Complaining against God's calling and/or God's ways is a form of unbelief**
- **Crying out for God's intervention against sin however brings Glory to God**





# In conclusion

- **What do my complaints say about my heart and my Faith?**

