

*Pray the promise, not the problem*

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Instead of telling your God how big your problems are, consider telling your problems how big your God is. For many people, prayer time equals complaint time. They always go to prayer with a list of grievances they have against life, difficulties in relationships, or shortages in income. They spend their time telling God all about their problems instead of taking His Word and giving voice to their faith in prayer.

The book of Numbers, chapters thirteen and fourteen, tells the story of twelve men who all saw the same thing and gave voice to their perspectives. Ten of those men talked only about the problem while two, Joshua and Caleb spoke the promises. In the end, God declared that what he had heard each of them say is how their life would unfold. What do you see, promises or problems?

*Prayer for Today*

Father, I do not want to be like those who murmured and complained in their wilderness experience. They never entered in to the peace You promised. Rather, Lord, remind me to lift my voice of prayer with faith and confidence that Your promises will come to pass in my life.

*Scriptures for Today*

Numbers 14:28 Say to them, "As I live," says the LORD, "just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you." (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 10:10 ... nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. (NKJV)

Numbers 11:1 Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. (NKJV)