

SCANDALOUS

(4) The Land Between

BIG IDEA...

HOW DO I HANDLE THE “SCANDALOUS” MOMENTS OF MY LIFE?

Visual/Illus... PICTURE (MAP) OF THE SINAI DESERT

Numbers 11:4-6...

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. 6 But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!

THE LAND BETWEEN... IS FERTILE GROUND!

1. THE LAND BETWEEN is Fertile Ground for... COMPLAINT

Vss 11-14...

*He asked the Lord, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on **me**? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell **me** to carry them in **my** arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers? 13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to **me**, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ 14 I cannot carry all these people by **myself**; the burden is too heavy for **me**.*

1. THE LAND BETWEEN is not only Fertile Ground for... COMPLAINT

2. THE LAND BETWEEN is also Fertile Ground for... EMOTIONAL MELTDOWN

Vs 15...

*If this is how you are going to treat me, **PUT ME TO DEATH... RIGHT NOW!**
If I have found favor in your eyes - and do not let me face my own ruin!”*

Vss 16-17...

The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

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2. THE LAND BETWEEN is Fertile Ground for... EMOTIONAL MELTDOWN

3. THE LAND BETWEEN is also Fertile Ground for... GOD’S PROVISION

Vss 18-20...

“Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The Lord heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the Lord will give you meat, and you will eat it. 19 You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, 20 but for a whole month - until it comes out of your nostrils and

you loathe it - because you have rejected the Lord, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?"

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3. THE LAND BETWEEN is Fertile Ground for... GOD'S PROVISION

4. THE LAND BETWEEN is also Fertile Ground for... GOD'S DISCIPLINE

Vs 23... The Lord answered Moses, "Is the Lord's arm too short?"

IS THE LORD NOT CAPABLE TO CARE FOR YOU IN YOUR TIME OF NEED!?

GOOD DISCIPLINE IS INFLECTING PAIN FOR A REDEMPITIVE PURPOSE!

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5. THE LAND BETWEEN is also Fertile Ground for... TRANSFORMATIONAL GROWTH

**WHAT IF WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELING IN "THE LAND BETWEEN"
GOD KEEPS COMING TO YOU ASKING... "WILL YOU TRUST ME HERE?"**