



**Sunday, January 10, 2020**

**Sermon Title: Deserts into Desserts**

**Text: Numbers 11:4-17**

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**Big Idea:** Time spent in the desert with God often bonds us more closely to Him than the time we spend with life's desserts.

**What kind of crops can be raised in barren, desert soil?**

1) The desert soil is fertile for raising crops of **complaining**.

Reacting to a desert with complaints will keep me blinded to God's purposes and provisions.

2) The desert soil is fertile for raising a crop of **quit**.

3) The desert soil is fertile for raising crops of **trust in God**.

The desert soil I most hate to plow can end up producing the sweetest fruit of trust that helps me most honor God.

How to replace the desert crops of complaint and quit, with growing trust in God:

- Remember what God did **yesterday**.
- Remember to **worship** who God is today.
- Remember to **trust** that God will work in me for His glory tomorrow.

You can "**keep your fork**" because, for believers, something eternally better is on its way.

**Personal Application – Study Questions:**

Most of us know when we are about to start complaining. What personal emotions might you need to be aware of that tend to lead to an attitude of complaining?

As a believer, how might you best combat the reaction to quit and persevere long enough to let God be a stronger influence than your own emotions?

The Israelites were in the desert-school to learn to trust God. In what specific way could this challenging season serve as a similar school to build your trust in God?

What godly actions might best help you "keep your fork" of faith and perspective in this unique time?

# SERMON NOTES



What I learned

Today's Bible Verse



My Prayer