

# Are We There Yet?

## (Numbers 11)

desert breeze  
community church



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Our God is a God of comebacks. Some immediate and decisive, some long-term.

We often associate comebacks with the clock. Fourth quarter, time running out, it has to happen NOW.... In life, however, timing is not always the primary measurement. God's timing doesn't always line up with our expectations.

It took a long, long time for Israel to comeback from over 400 years of slavery in Egypt. The **promise** of a land flowing with milk and honey had been given, but the **process** of getting there involved time, and some key elements.

- Struggling with the process – Numbers 11:4-6  
Trusting and complaining are incompatible.
- The temptation to quit – Numbers 11:11-15  
The “I give up” moment is critical.
- Sharing the load – Numbers 11:16-17  
Has the Lord's arm been shortened? 11:21-23
- Learning from discipline – Numbers 11:18-20  
God's discipline is for redemptive purposes.
- Life transformation  
God wants to grow us, change us, and use us.

What God was doing with Israel, and what He wants to do with us, is forge a trust relationship through the process of life.

Questions for Life:

1. Someone said “Living out Christianity is like swimming against the current.” Why is it so difficult to live it out?
2. Everyone has a breaking point. Why do you think God sometimes allows us to reach it? Why doesn't He just remove the obstacles?
3. Looking at Numbers 11, what is a sure-fire way to arouse God's anger?

