

# Table Group

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*Week of March 8, 2021*

## Number 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup> From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Sometimes our complaints burst out of us without us even thinking about what we are saying. Things like, "I'm tired, I'm hungry, I'm lost." Most often we can chalk our disappointments (which lead to complaints) up to the fact that our reality simply does not meet our expectations. Maybe naming those complaints and disappointments aloud will help us sort out our fear and help us embrace a more peace-filled way.

When do you complain to God? Is there ever a time that your disappointments have more to do with the consequences of your own actions than some external factor acting upon you? Does your complaining ever interfere with your sense of God's presence with you?

The following questions allow for mutual accountability, where spiritual friends are found confessing sin without fear of condemnation.

- ★ Where/How have you experienced God this week?
- ★ Where/How have you seen love flow? How is it with your soul?
- What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
- What temptations have you met with?
- How were you delivered?
- What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?
- Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?