



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes: 9am
Sunday AM Worship: 10am
Sunday PM Worship: 5pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

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Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

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In Everything Give Thanks

When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt being heavily oppressed by the Egyptians, they wanted nothing more than to be delivered. God heard their prayer and sent Moses to deliver them. God punished Egypt with 10 plagues. He destroyed the Egyptian army by drowning them in the Red Sea. The Israelites were free from bondage and oppression.

After some time in the wilderness, the Israelites complained to Moses for bringing them out of Egypt. They told Moses, "We told you to leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians." (**Exo 14:12**) Later they wished they would have died in Egypt. (**16:3**) When they were thirsty they again blamed Moses saying, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt?" (**17:3**) In **Number 11** the Israelites got tired of the manna God provided for them on a daily basis and remembered the wide selection of food they used to have in Egypt: fish, cucumbers, melons, garlic, etc. They asked the question, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" (**v. 20**)

I get the impression it was impossible to make these people happy no matter what God did for them. While they had the blessings they did in Egypt, they complained. When God freed them from slavery in Egypt, they found another reason to complain in the wilderness. There is always something to complain

New Songs

- ♦ Heaven's Jubilee
- ♦ Be Still My Soul

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ♦ Hannah Carswell (12/24)
- ♦ Benjamin Carswell (12/31)
- ♦ Matthew Martin (1/1)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study Resuming
January 10th at the building at 11

Men's Meeting at the building
on Saturday January 14th

Today's Lessons

- ♦ Lording It Over
- ♦ Loving Your Enemies

Midweek Bible Study

- ♦ Luke 6:27ff

about. There is also always something to be thankful for. Whether we complain or are thankful is all about our mindset.

Consider this beautiful prayer of thanksgiving in how this woman chose to be thankful:

"Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of nice clothes to wear. And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds; they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed. My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory; they are so convenient. Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs defrosting so badly; It has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals. Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today. It has baked so many things over the years. The whole family is grateful for that tall grass that needs mowing, the lawn that needs raking; we all enjoy the yard. Thank you, Lord, even for that slamming screen door. My kids are healthy and able to run and play. Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully."

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1Th 5:16-18) We have so much to be thankful for. Shame on us if we dwell on what we don't have to the point where we start complaining about it. God made it very clear in His word how He feels about complaining.

Patrick