

# LIKE THE EFFECT OF YAWNING



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# Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” <sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” <sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

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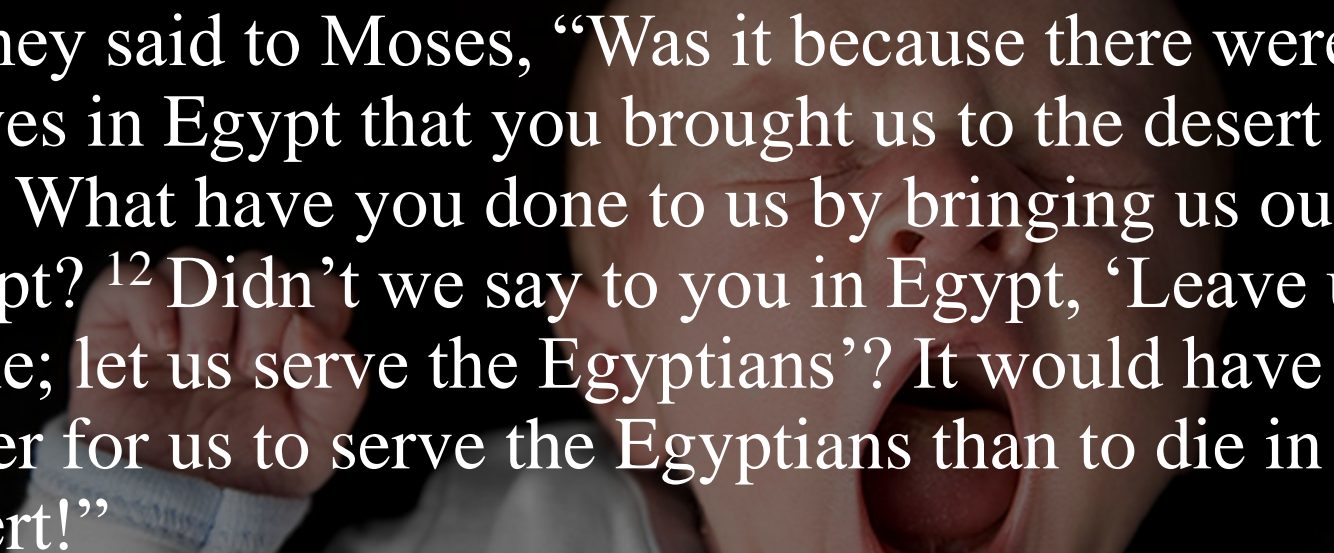
<sup>5</sup> The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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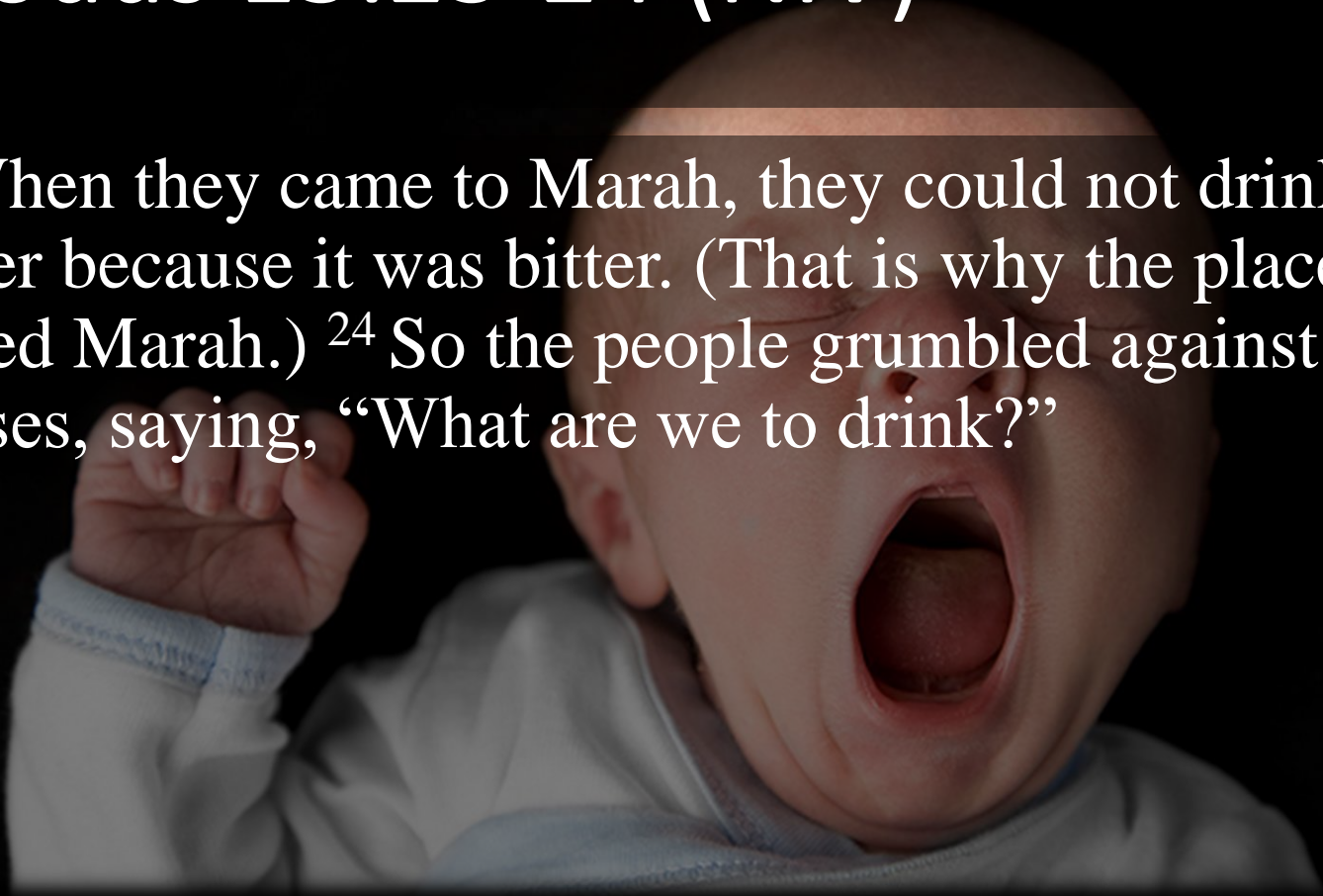
# Exodus 14:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

A close-up photograph of a baby's face, crying with its mouth wide open. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text of the Bible passage to be read over it. The baby is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

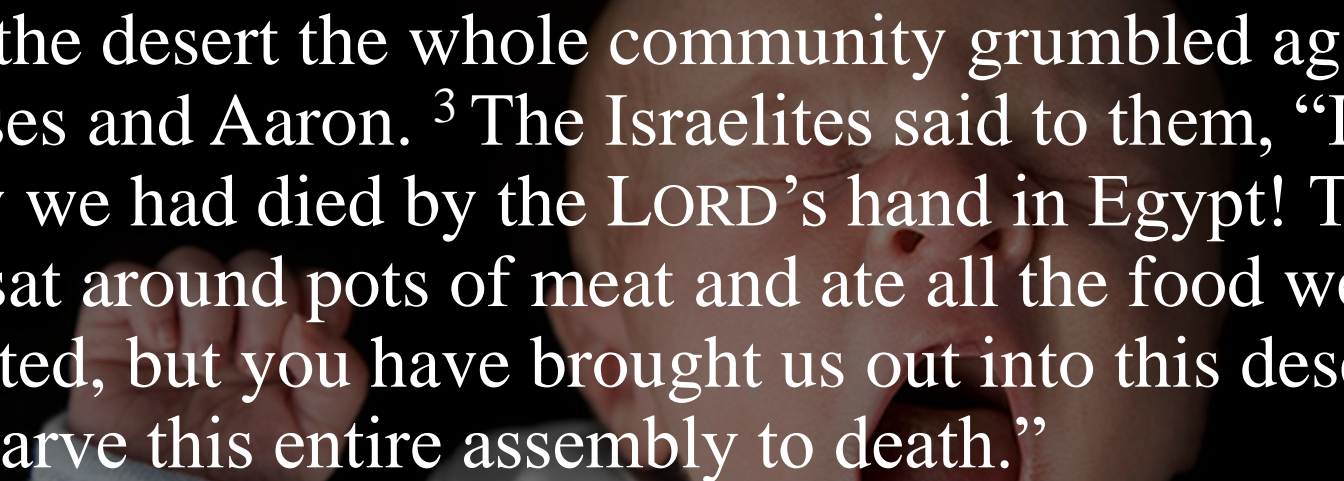
# Exodus 15:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”



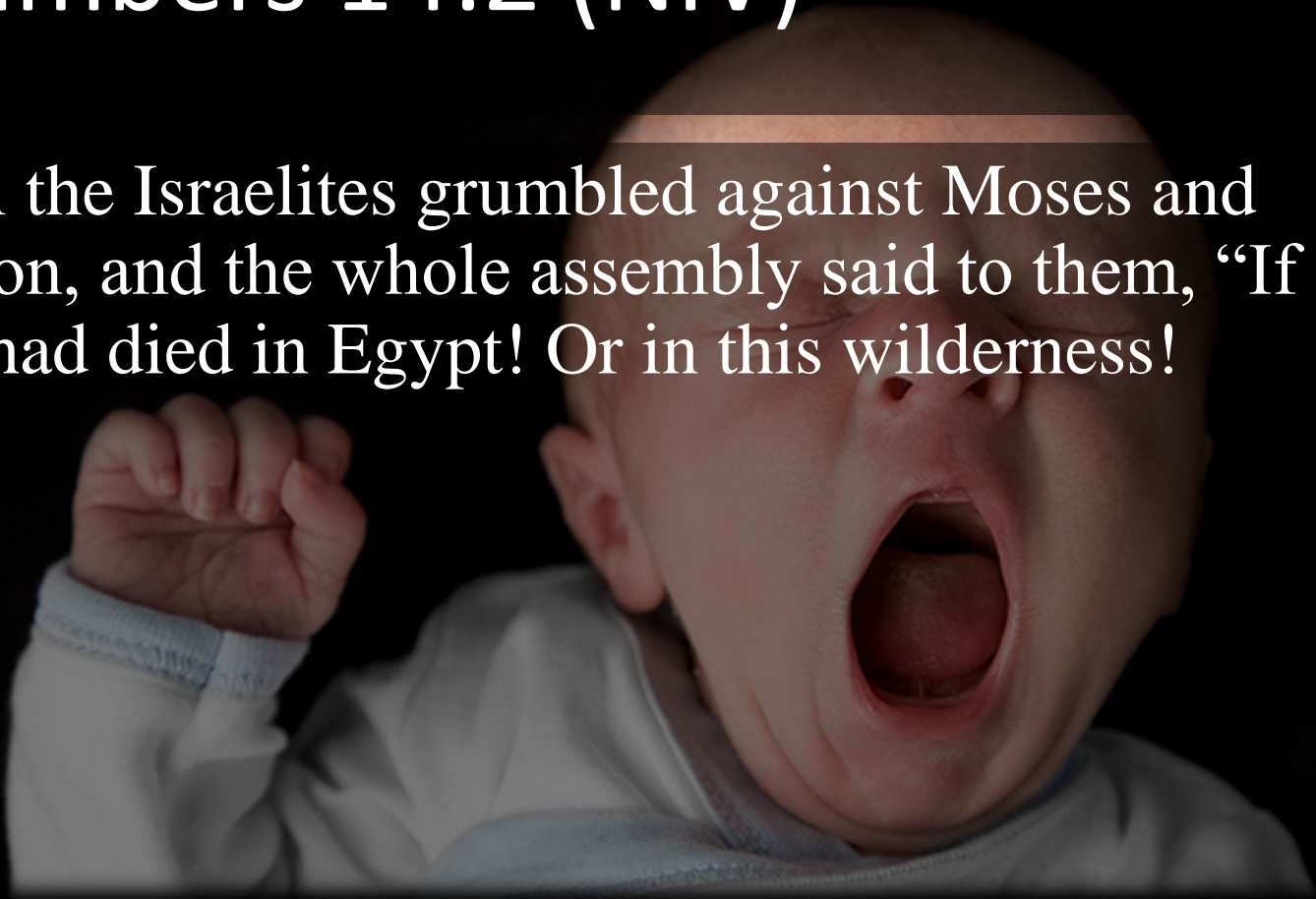
# Exodus 16:2-3 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”



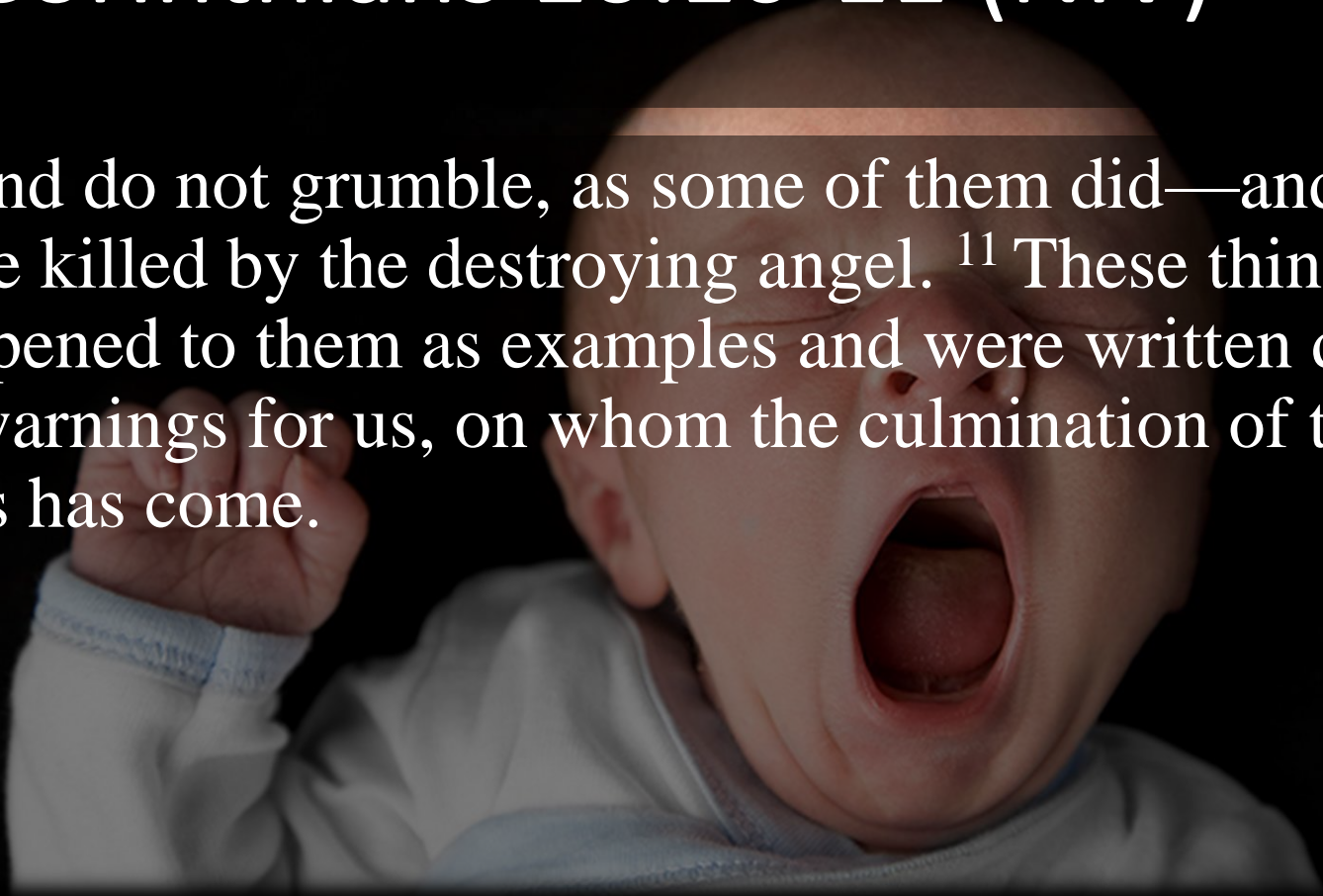
# Numbers 14:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!



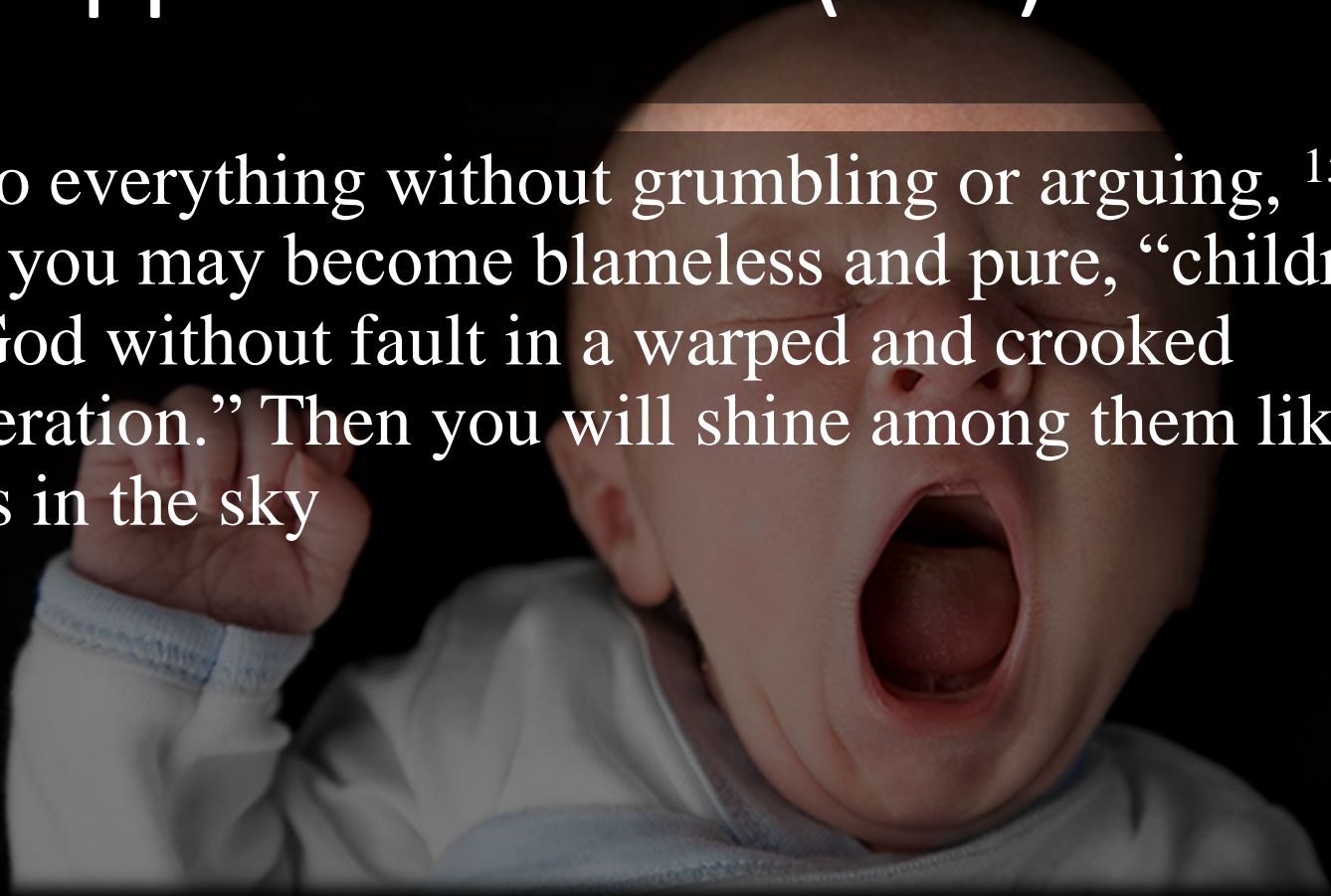
# 1 Corinthians 10:10-11 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.



# Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup> so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky



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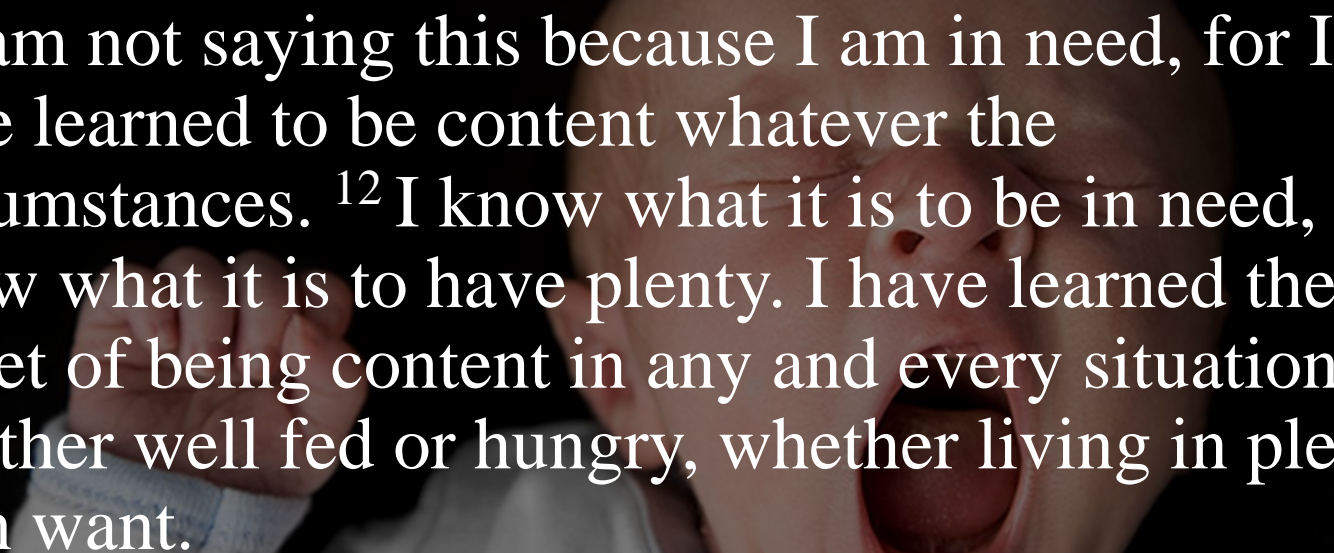
# Implications

- Why Does God Think Complaining Is So Bad?
- What Can Help Us Stop Complaining?
  - Learn The Fine Art of Contentment



# Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.



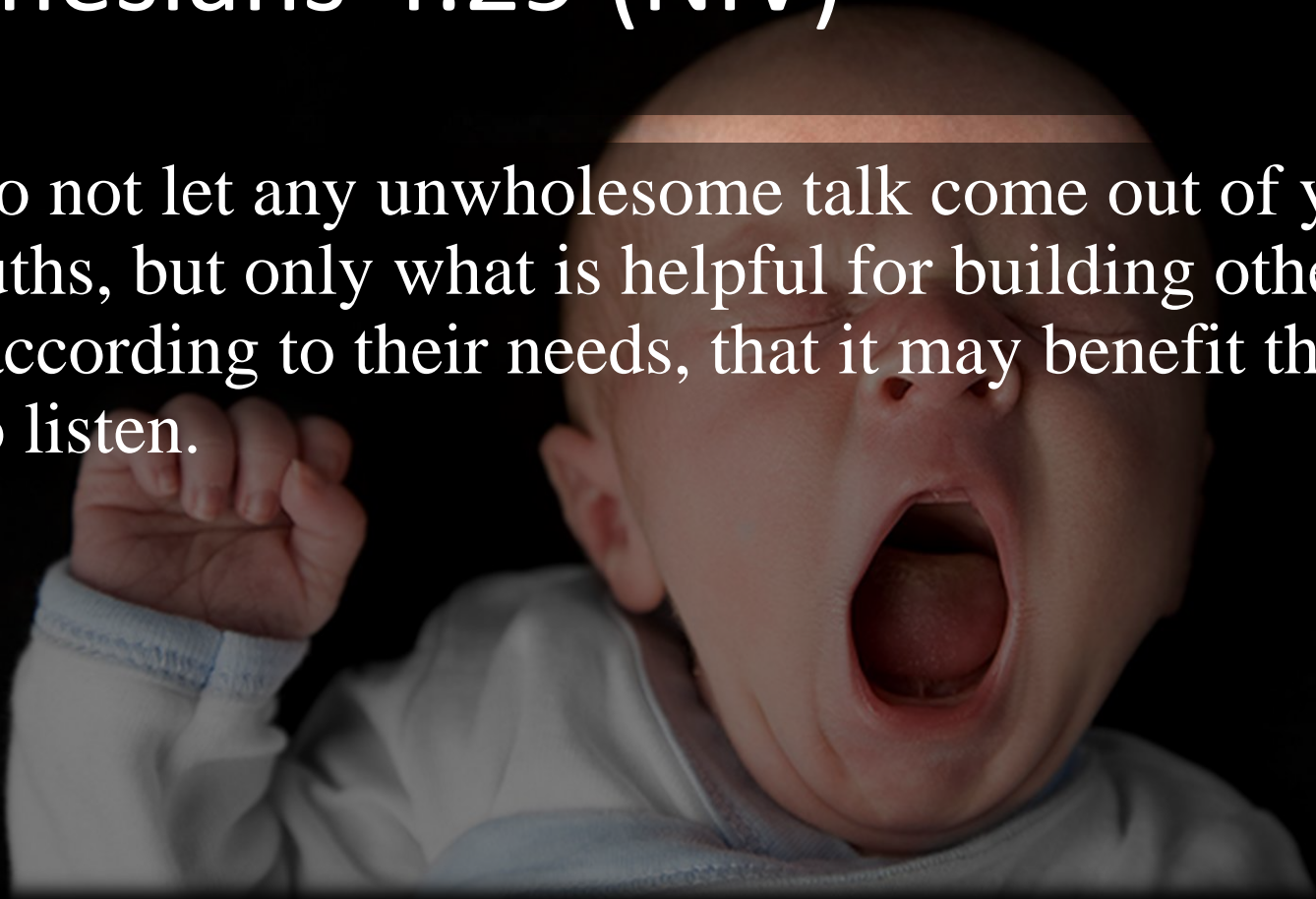
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# Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.



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