

**Numbers 11:9, 20:11** [Read all of chapter 11, review chapters 10 and 12-19, read all of chapter 20]

<sup>9</sup> When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

**20** <sup>11</sup> Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. *Numbers 11:9, 20:11 NIV*

1. Why is this book called Numbers? What period of time does it cover and what is happening?
2. What is manna? Is that what the people asked for? How did it taste?
3. What lesson do we learn from the manna? verses 4-9?
4. Did Moses do what God had commanded him to do in verse 11? Why or why not?
5. Do you see Gospel here? Where?
6. Why do struggles cause us to wonder if God cares?

**Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5:1-11 NIV*

1. What is “the peace with God”?
2. What is it we boast of? Verse 2
3. Why should we glory in our suffering? Look at Romans 8:28
4. What is hope?
5. How did God demonstrate His love for us? What was the result?

**Mark 8:27-38** [For a fuller understanding read the parallel accounts in Matthew 16:13-28 and Luke 9:18-27.]

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

<sup>28</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

<sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” *Mark 8:27-38 NIV*

1. What had been going on prior to this? Read all of chapter 8.
2. Why did Jesus ask the disciples who people were saying he was?
3. Had the disciples confessed who he was before? Had Jesus mentioned his suffering before this?
4. What was the danger in Jesus’ acknowledging Peter’s confession?
5. How do we lose our life to save it?