

SUMMER BAGGAGE



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CHURCH

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PART IV: THE WEIGHT OF COMPLAINING

Numbers 11:1 (NIV). *Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the Lord, and when he heard them his anger was aroused..*

Complaint (“anan”): A general posture of dissatisfaction.

Israel’s persistent dissatisfaction – despite God’s constant faithfulness – provoked God’s anger.

REMEMBER: Since gratitude and complaint cannot coexist, the antidote to a complaining mouth is a thankful heart.

Psalm 100:4-5 (NIV). *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

GRATITUDE:

1. IS A CALL TO REMEMBER THE [GOODNESS] OF GOD.

Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV). *Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.*

Gratitude grows when I remember God’s goodness.

Gratitude is a daily decision to focus on God’s goodness.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT). *And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

2. IT'S A [POSTURE] OF THE HEART THAT INVITES THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

Psalm 100:4 (MSG). *Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him.*

Gratitude opens the door to God's Presence and His blessings.

Harry Ironside: *We would worry less if we praised more. Gratitude is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT). *Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

A horizontal banner with a teal background. On the left, there are stylized palm trees and a beach umbrella. In the center, the word "SUMMER" is written in large, colorful, block letters, with "at Bridge City" in a cursive font below it. On the right, there is a QR code with a small circular logo in the center.

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A horizontal banner with a dark blue background. On the left, there is a white icon of a globe with connecting lines. In the center, the words "CONNECTION CARD" are written in white, bold, uppercase letters. On the right, there is a QR code with a small circular logo in the center.


CONNECTION CARD

A horizontal banner with a light green background. On the left, there is a white icon of a sun with rays. In the center, the words "FRESH START" are written in large, white, uppercase letters. Below that, the text "How do I begin my new life in Jesus?" is written in a smaller font, followed by the URL "www.bridgecitymd.com/freshstart". On the right, there is a QR code with a small circular logo in the center.


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