



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | Envy BLINDS you to God's goodness.

Numbers 11:1-10 (NLT)

¹ Soon the people began to complain about their hardship, and the Lord heard everything they said. Then the Lord's anger blazed against them, and he sent a fire to rage among them, and he destroyed some of the people in the outskirts of the camp. ² Then the people screamed to Moses for help, and when he prayed to the Lord, the fire stopped. ³ After that, the area was known as Taberah (which means "the place of burning"), because fire from the Lord had burned among them there.

⁴ Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. "Oh, for some meat!" they exclaimed. ⁵ "We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. ⁶ But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!"

⁷ The manna looked like small coriander seeds, and it was pale yellow like gum resin. ⁸ The people would go out and gather it from the ground. They made flour by grinding it with hand mills or pounding it in mortars. Then they boiled it in a pot and made it into flat cakes.

These cakes tasted like pastries baked with olive oil.⁹ The manna came down on the camp with the dew during the night.

¹⁰ Moses heard all the families standing in the doorways of their tents whining, and the Lord became extremely angry. Moses was also very aggravated.

3 MAIN CATEGORIES OF ENVY

Material comparison

Relational comparison

Circumstantial comparison

Proverbs 14:30 (NLT)

³⁰ A peaceful heart leads to a healthy body; jealousy is like cancer in the bones.

James 3:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

ENVY BLINDS YOU TO...

God's PAST goodness.

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them, and he sent a fire to rage among them, and he destroyed some of the people in the outskirts of the camp.

Romans 8:32 (NLT)

³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?

Envy BLINDS you to God's PRESENT goodness.

**“Envy will make you think something is wrong, even in paradise” -
Tim Keller**

Envy BLINDS you to God's FUTURE goodness.

1 Corinthians 7:29 (NIV)

²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not;

1 Corinthians 7:31b (NIV)

³¹ For this world in its present form is passing away.

Psalm 16:11 (NASB)

¹¹ You will make known to me the way of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,
“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined

what God has prepared
for those who love him.”

Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

¹¹ Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Groups Questions

- 1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?**
- 2. Discuss a time when you became fixated on something you thought you needed, causing you to overlook the things you already had. Why did this perceived necessity become more important than what you already possessed?**
- 3. Pastor Daniel talked about three categories of envy. Which of these do you struggle with most? Where have you fallen into the trap of comparison?**
- 4. Read Numbers 11:1-6. What do you find yourself complaining about? Is there someone or something that bothers you often? How can you give that to God?**
- 5. What are some ways you can stay focused on all God has done for**

you rather than what He hasn't?

6. What would make Jesus enough for you?