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Today in class we spent our time in Numbers 21.

In verse 5 the question comes - *And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."*

We have seen this before. There is a shared vocabulary with the previous rebellion in Exodus. They are back to complaining about food.

Why does God react so much to their complaint about food? Because it is a lack of belief that God's provision is enough!!! That is at the heart of this. It doesn't matter if my whole farm goes down the tube, I am going to bless God. (Habakuk). God's going to give you the strength to be content in whatever state you are in.... the provision of the LORD!!! The problem is we always want a little more.

Please pray for me - that I not only learn in class, but grow in skill in how to study God's Word. Thank you!!!

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Everyone had left earlier in the day. It was August 2006 my last night in Wildwood, NJ as the project director. I ended up talking to a man who had also gone to walk the beach to enjoy the beauty of the ocean crashing onto the shore. He shared with me how his wife had come to know Christ when she was a high school student in the 70's through our summer project. It was just like God to show me a piece of lasting fruit from all those years before, as I was leaving.

Now five years later, the project still continues. Lori is one of the project directors in Wildwood. She was a student with me that summer in '06. It makes me happy that she is there continuing the legacy of the project. Since the '70's Campus Crusade has been in Wildwood introducing people to Christ and building into students who go all over the US & around the world living as ambassadors for Christ.



I think about some of my SUNY Stony Brook and UMass students who were there -- Isabel, Lily, Thanayi, Christy, Molly, Dave, Tony, and Jen to mention a few. These men and women have all continued to love God and live out their faith in Christ.

Of course, I also think of the hundreds of students who were with me my nine summers. It makes me long to see them again, but I have to be content with talking on the phone or looking them up on Facebook. The legacy continues not only in Wildwood, but also in all the lives of those who have been a part of the project.

Thank you for your partnership in such a significant endeavor. Would you please pray now for Lori and the other project directors? This is a key time in the project when they are selecting and preparing the student leaders to take over for the second half of the project. Please pray for them in that process.

Even though I miss Wildwood sometimes, giving others like Lori the opportunity to lead, has also given me the opportunity to do other things: go to France 07-08 and help start a French summer project, study this summer...

Enjoying fond memories and studying hard,