

“SNAKE STORIES”

“Lessons From the Wilderness,” part 6
A sermon outline based on Numbers 21:1-9
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1. They had just tasted **victory!** (Numbers 21:1-3)
2. They grew **impatient.** (Numbers 21:4, Galatians 5:22)
3. They **spoke** against God. (Numbers 21:5)
4. They were **ungrateful.** (Numbers 21:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
5. God sent **venomous** snakes among them. (Numbers 21:6, Genesis 3:1)
6. They confessed their sin and asked Moses to **pray.** (Numbers 21:7, Psalm 32:5)
7. God **saved** them.
 - By looking at a **bronze** snake. (Numbers 21:8-9)
 - By looking to **Jesus.** (John 3:14-15, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Isaiah 52:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13)

Next steps...

- The next time you're tempted to complain about something, think about something to be thankful for instead and share it.
- Read and reflect on the words of David in Psalm 32:5. If there is any unconfessed sin in your life, confess it to the LORD, turn away from it, and ask Him to forgive you.
- Offer and prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God for the good news of the gospel contained in John 3:14-15: *“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”* (John 3:14–15, NIV84)