

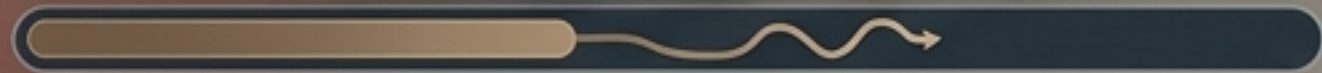
> SYSTEM REBOOT: Clearing  
Your Spiritual History █

A Diagnostic Look at Numbers 21  
and the Bronze Serpent.

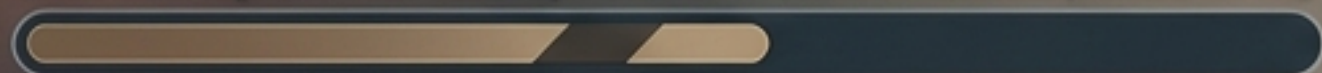
Based on the sermon by Pastor Mitchum Burnett.

## System Status

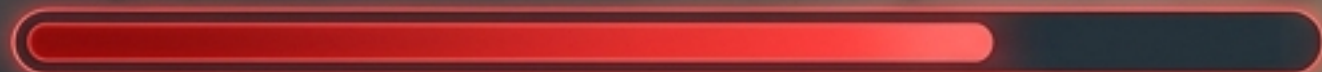
**Location:** Wilderness Detour (Bypassing Edom)



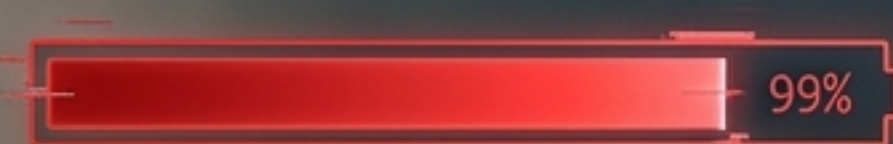
**Leadership Status:** Compromised (Aaron recently deceased)



**Congregation Morale:** Critical / Declining

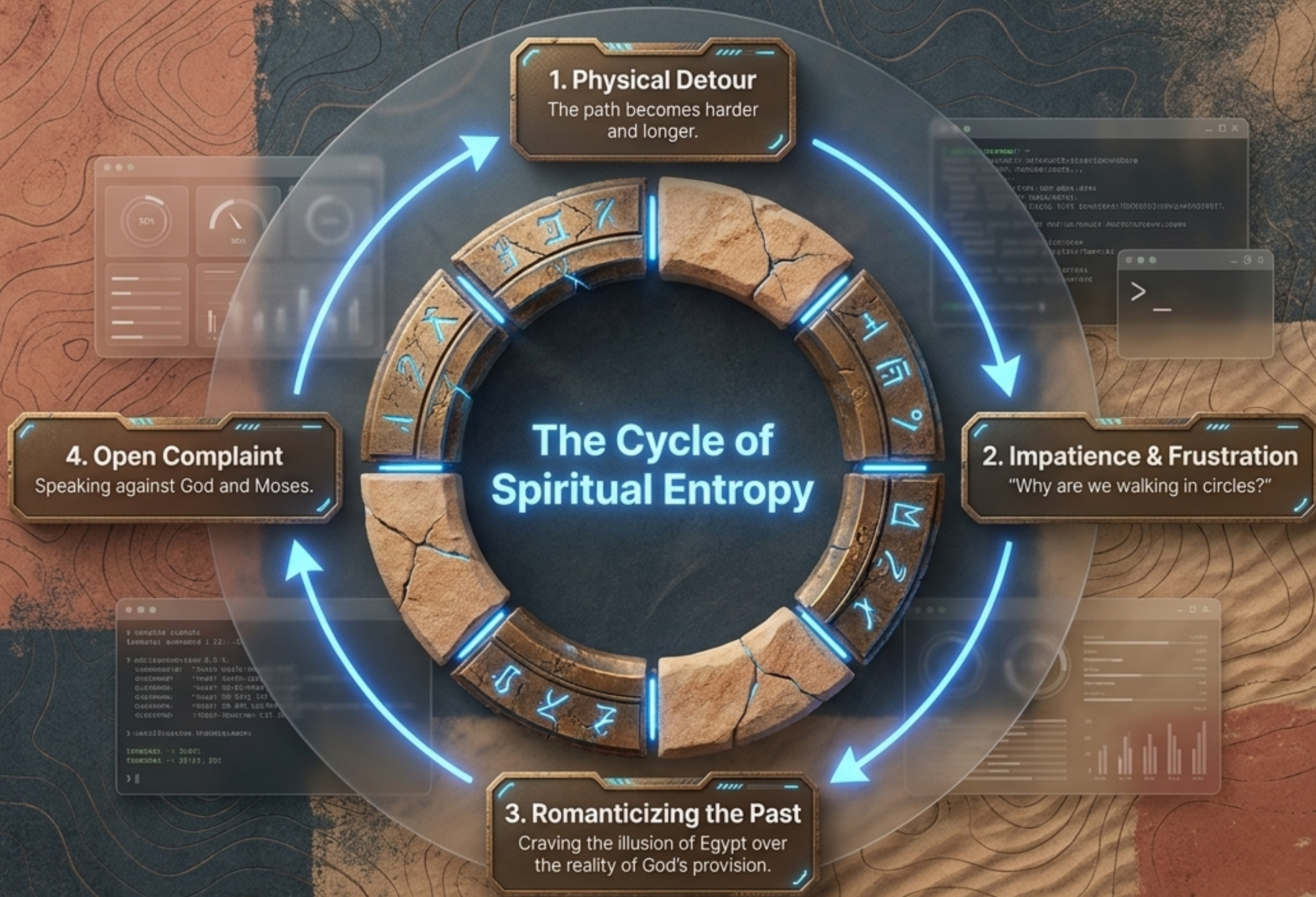


## Error Log



**System Alert:** The people grew impatient on the way. (Numbers 21:4)

The longest detours often reveal the deepest bugs in the system. Forced to walk around Edom, the Israelites' physical exhaustion quickly morphed into a spiritual system failure.



## Nostalgia vs. Reality Diagnostic

### The Illusion of the Past (Egypt)

**The Memory (User Input):**  
Stability, garlic, onions, and flavorful food.

**The Reality (Actual Data):**  
Bondage, slavery, oppression, and death.

### The Frustration of the Present (The Wilderness)

**The Feeling (User Input):**  
Tired of 'heavenly tofu' (manna), walking in circles, feeling abandoned.

**The Reality (Actual Data):**  
Divine protection, daily miraculous provision, heading toward the Promised Land.



Nostalgia is a powerful virus. It makes us long for the chains of our past just because we miss the food we ate while wearing them.



**Customer Service of Heaven:**  
When the Israelites complained, they were effectively asking to cancel their heavenly services. God, respecting their choice, stepped back. He didn't create the fiery serpents to punish them; He simply removed the firewall, allowing the natural desert environment to enter the camp.

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> Running diagnostic...
> Error identified: Arrogance / Rebellion
> Attempting fix...
> User Input Required:
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'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the
Lord and against you.'
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## Troubleshooting the Heart

The hardest words for any human to say are, "I am wrong."

We try to handle every battle ourselves, hiding our mistakes behind a clean exterior.

But spiritual recovery cannot begin until the error is named and confessed.

### Key 1: CTRL (Control)

Surrender control. Stop trying to navigate the wilderness on your own strength and admit your vulnerability.

### Key 2: ALT (Alternative)

Choose the alternative path. Turn away from the cycle of complaining and look toward God's provided solution.

### Key 3: DELETE (Clear History)

Receive forgiveness. Allow the grace of God to clear the cache of your past mistakes and wipe the system clean.

CTRL

ALT

DELETE

The Spiritual Mechanic: When life freezes and the venom takes hold, human effort won't fix the crash. You need a complete system reset.

# The Grace Algorithm

Bitten by Fiery Serpent.

## Path A (Human Logic)

Rely on human medicine /  
Try to extract venom.

[ SYSTEM FAILURE ]  
-> Death

## Path B (Divine Logic)

Follow instructions -> Look  
at the Bronze Serpent on  
the pole.

[ SYSTEM RESTORED ]  
-> Life

Grace defies human computation. The action required (a simple look of belief) is disproportionately small compared to the result (survival). You don't heal yourself; the One who instructed you does the saving.

# The Typology of the Cure

The Venom of Serpents

The Venom of Sin

The Wooden Pole

The Roman Cross

The Bronze Serpent

Christ Lifted Up

Look and Believe

Faith in the Son

Physical Life

Eternal Life

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up.” (John 3:14)



[ SYSTEM ONLINE ]

# Look and Live.

You do not have to carry your past history forever.  
The cure for the venom hasn't changed in 3,000 years. Stop looking at  
the snakes at your feet. Look to the One lifted up—and restart.