

## Pope's quotes: Complaining never helps

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A quote from Pope Francis:

“There is a temptation to seek God in the past or in a possible future. God is certainly in the past because we can see the footprints. And God is also in the future as a promise. But the “concrete” God, so to speak, is today. For this reason, complaining never helps us find God. The complaints of today about how “barbaric” the world is — these complaints sometimes end up giving birth within the church to desires to establish order in the sense of pure conservation, as a defense.

“No: God is to be encountered in the world of today.”

-- From “[A Big Heart Open to God](#)” [1], *America* magazine Sept. 19, 2013.

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