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Exodus 15:23-27

23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD ; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

Exodus 15:23-27

26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

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- As the children of Israel migrated through the wilderness, they would be put through a process, a test.
 - As with all of us, we do not like test and yet it is the challenge of the test that facilitates our growth in our relationship with God.
 - In their immaturity, God's people would fail over and over again creating dismay for God, and stress and heavy burden for their leader.
 - They come to a place called Marah where the water is bitter. Their first reaction is a natural one that we all have been guilty of more than once.
 - They murmured against Moses saying, "What shall we drink," not realizing that God chose the route that they took and it was God that gave Moses the solution.

Exodus 16:2-6

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Exodus 16:2-6

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:

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- Once again, like the immature people they are, the children of Israel murmur against Moses and Aaron for the lack of food and hunger.
 - Never once do we see them call out to God or exercise their faith in God as provider and sustainer. Instead, they begin to have attitudes and speak negative words against their leader.
 - They speak death, fear and doubt because of their situation. They don't even realize that their words will become prophecy that affects their destiny.
 - In spite of their unbelief and failure to trust God, God proves himself as a provider and shows his grace and mercy towards his people.

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- He is the God of supernatural provision
 - He is the God of daily provision
 - He is the God of sufficient provision
 - He is the God of constant provision

Exodus 17:1-7

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD , and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD ?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

Exodus 17:1-7

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD , saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD , saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

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- Once again, the people are tested as it relates to thirst. They complain and threaten Moses, their leader, and Moses goes to God in prayer.
 - The sad thing is they allowed themselves to get to a place where they doubted whether the Lord was with them or not.
 - Their anger with God and Moses could only be quenched by water out of a rock. God used the rock to send water to a people who had kindled his anger.
 - That rock was a type of Jesus. It is by his obedience, mediation, and sacrifice that God's anger was turned away from us.
 - Paul makes this clear.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Exodus 16:32-35

32 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.