

Exodus 15:22-25 (NIV)

The Waters of Marah and Elim

22 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. 23 When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.[f]) 24 So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

25 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

- Are you packing your tambourine (do you believe GOD is going to deliver you from your situation)?
- Is GOD'S deliverance enough (do I want to go back into slavery/Egypt because GOD didn't meet OUR EXPECTIATIONS)? Is what GOD has for me enough?
- Does my heart become bitter that GOD didn't meet my expectations? GOD got His people out of Egypt, but His next task is getting Egypt out of His people.

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS:

Passages to consider: Exodus 15-17

Sermon Reflection: Share what God used to get your attention from the sermon.

1. Read Exodus 15:1-21. What were they celebrating? If you had been amongst them, what would be all the things you could celebrate and be grateful for? What things in your own life journey can you be grateful for?
2. Read Exodus 15:22-27. What is the situation? What does this show you about God? About people? How do you relate to what you discovered?
3. Take a look at Exodus 16-17:4. Describe what different situations happen. What is similar between the manna, the quail and the water situation? What is different?
4. What is the Lord showing about himself in each of these situations? How is the people's relationship with the Lord? What are they having to unlearn from their old ways of life? What are they having to learn with this new way of life?
5. In what ways do you relate to the Israelites in their journey to follow God?
6. Read Exodus 17:5-15. What stands out to you in this passage? Who is involved? What do you see about God and people?

Passages to prepare for next week: Delivered! God Commands - Exodus 18-24