

ROAD TRIP FROM BITTERNESS TO REST

Exodus 15:22-17:7

As we journey with God... we must be attentive to His voice.

Trust in the sufficiency of His Word. Trust in its goodness.

As we journey with God... we must rest in His daily provision.

Trust in His daily provision. Be satisfied and find your rest.

As we journey with God... we must remember His constant Presence.

As water flows from the Rock, Presence and Provision go hand in hand.

As we journey with God... ultimately, we must trust in Jesus.

Our deepest problem is not experiential, or biological; it is moral.

As we trust in Jesus, and we attend to His voice, and we rest in His loving provision for us, and we delight in His presence... God takes us on a journey, shaping us into the people He wants us to be. A Road Trip from Marah to Rephidim. From Bitterness to Rest...

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1) Describe a road trip you remember – did anything go wrong?
- 2) Praising God on Sunday, and bitter by Wednesday... Too often our experience mirrors that of the Israelites at Marah. How do you stay thankful in those times?
- 3) What is your favorite of God's Promises (in this passage or all of Scripture)? Why?
- 4) What do you do to increase your trust in, or to remember His Promises?
- 5) God's testing in the wilderness is to train them to walk in His ways. Think of Romans 5:3-5 or James 1:2-4 – have you experienced "testing in the wilderness"? How was it different "in the moment" versus looking back? How have you felt God "training" you?
- 6) What did you learn about God's character from this section of Scripture? What is important to Him?
- 7) We see the institution of Shabbat in Exodus 16:23-26. Do you find it difficult to rest? Why or why not?
- 8) This passage concludes with "Is the Lord among us or not?" What causes you to doubt that God is with you, or that God cares for you? What are some verses that erase your doubt?
- 9) In what ways, is God shaping your journey right now?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle