

Learning to Trust God
GPS: God's Powerful Story! Pt. 6
Exodus 17
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Exodus 17:1, *The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.*

Being in God's Will Doesn't Mean Life Will Be Free From Hardship or Disappointment

Where God Leads Us May Be Difficult, but It's There That We Discover Who He Truly Is

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart...*

Exodus 17:2, *So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"*

The Pressures of Life Don't Create What's in Our Hearts, They Reveal It

When We Allow Our Circumstances to Shape Our View of God, Our Circumstances Become Louder Than God's Truth

Exodus 17:3, ... *"Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"*

Numbers 14:22, *not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— **23** not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.*

Exodus 17:4, *Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5** The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink..."*

God Never Intended for Us to Carry Our Burdens Alone

Matthew 28:20, ... *"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Exodus 19:4, *"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."*

Exodus 17:6, ... *"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink..."*

1 Corinthians 10:4, ... *they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.*

John 4:14, *"but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst..."*

Our Deepest Thirst Will Only Be Satisfied Through a Relationship With Jesus

Exodus 17:7, *And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"*

Exodus 17:8, *The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.*

Exodus 17:9, ... *"Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."*

Exodus 17:11, *As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning...*

Exodus 17:12, ... *Aaron and Hur held his hands up...*

Galatians 6:2, *Carry each other's burdens...*

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Exodus 17:13, *So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army...*

Exodus 17:15, *Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner.*

Where Is God Asking You to Trust Him Today?