

TRUSTING GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART TWO | The Way IN
Exodus 15:22-17:7
The Waters at Marah, Manna and Quail, & Water from a Rock

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THE GOD WHO PROVIDES

- When it comes to God's provision, He is NEVER late, RARELY early, and ALWAYS right on time.
- **WHERE GOD GUIDES, HE PROVIDES.**
 - When leaving our last church to plant The Shoreline our money ran out November 30th. At a meeting on December 9th, George was told funding would be backdated to December 1st. His family didn't miss one day of provision, even though 9 days passed without knowing.

TRUST IN THE LORD

3 Tests of Faith in the Desert: Will the Israelites trust in God's faithful provision?

1. Waters at Marah 15:22-27
2. Manna and Quail 16:1-36 (Read 1-5, 19-20, 35)
3. Water from a Rock @ Rephidim 17:1-7

TEST OR TRUST THE LORD?

The Lord wants us to trust Him, not to test Him!

1. Testing the Lord doubts that He is with us. 17:7
2. Testing the Lord doubts His care for us. 17:3
3. Testing the Lord doubts and commands Him to prove Himself, making us the judge!

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."

HEBREWS 11:6

1. Trust in the Lord believes that God is with us, that He cares for us, and that He is able to provide for our needs!

HERE IS TRUST IN THE LORD: PART 1

A man brings his demonized son to Jesus and says, "Have mercy on us and help us if you can." Jesus says, "What do you mean, 'If I can'? Anything is possible if a person believes."

The man cries out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

MARK 9:14-29

HERE IS TRUST IN THE LORD: PART 2

In Philippians 4:11-13, 19 we are taught how to face difficulties and deficits in our lives.

1. WE MUST LEARN TO SEE LIFE FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW.

- Bigger and better things will not meet our deepest needs and they cannot bring us contentment.
- The Israelites did not look past their perceived needs and turned to complaining about it.

"We must not judge our circumstances by how we see them but by how God wants us to see them. He is teaching us to look at the big picture rather than our own narrow, doomed version of that picture."

PETER ENNS,

Exodus The NIV Application Commentary, pg. 340

2. We must learn to examine our 'needs' and breakthrough into the reality that Christ is our Bread and Water- what we truly need.

- Yes, God will meet our basic needs on earth, V19
- Yes, God gives us all things richly to enjoy, 1 Tim 6:17
- Yes, we can ask God for every good thing, but let us never doubt Him, or depend upon those things for our contentment.

Yes, trust in God is the bedrock of our lives as believers and He is with us, for us, and able to meet our deepest needs. Will we live 'testing or trusting' in the Lord?