



Trusting God's Faithful Provision
Exodus: The Way In | Part II of our Journey through Exodus
Exodus 15:22 - 17:7 | April 19th - 25th, 2015

Warm Up: *Tests* are a part of life. Whether in school, studying for a vocational license, or even enduring a doctor's exam, we are all constantly taking tests. What was the hardest test you can remember taking? How did you prepare? What were you feeling prior, during and after the test?

- ❖ It's been said that *"When it comes to God's provision, He is NEVER late, RARELY early, and ALWAYS right on time."* How have you experienced this to be true?
- ❖ In the sermon Pastor George highlighted 3 tests of faith that God took His people through: Read **Exodus 15:22-27, 16:1-8, 17:1-7** aloud. Observe and discuss the reactions to each of these tests by the Israelites and Moses.
 - What were the common denominators in each of these tests? Do we tend to react more like the Israelites or Moses? Why?
 - What were some of the inhibitors to trust the Israelites demonstrated? (**Exodus 17:3,7**)
- ❖ We learned that where God guides He provides. This, of course, is not always in the time frame we expect or want!
 - How are we to adjust when God doesn't answer in our time frame?
- ❖ Tests are given from the Lord to reveal our character, teach us, and grow our faith. Spend some time discussing how God came through in these tests which the Israelites faced.
 - What do these reveal about God's character and why we can trust Him? (See the *The Names of God* sheet for an expanded list of His characteristics)
 - What was the reason for God putting His people through these tests? (See **Exodus 15:26, Deuteronomy 8:1-6** for insight)
 - How have you personally grown through the testing of your faith?
- ❖ In **Philippians 4:11-13** we are given some keys to unlocking the secret of building trust in our life. **Verse 11** speaks of being content in whatever situation. Are we truly a content people? Why or why not? Read verse 13. Why is this such an encouragement?

Wrap Up: In our closing worship song we sang these words " All I have in You is more than enough". Do we truly believe this? We serve a Sovereign and Infinite GOD who loves us, heals us and provides. Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you in building trust and faith in Him.