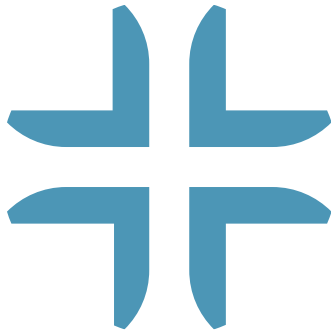




Sermon Discussion Questions

October 5, 2025

Exodus 17:1-7

God Teachers Hard Lesson

1. In Exodus 17:1, God led the Israelites to a place without water. How does this challenge our understanding of God's providence, especially during difficult times? When have you experienced a difficult situation that later revealed itself to be part of God's plan for your growth?
2. How does Moses's changing response to the people's complaints demonstrate the importance of knowing our personal limits and seeking rest? What warning signs indicate that you're reaching your emotional or spiritual limits, and what steps can you take to find rest?
3. Why is isolation dangerous during challenging times, and how can we follow God's example of community support shown in Exodus 17:5? In what ways could you better engage with your church community during difficult seasons of life?
4. How does the striking of the rock in Exodus 17:6 point to Christ, and why is this connection important for understanding God's provision? How does seeing Christ in Old Testament stories deepen your appreciation of God's plan of salvation?
5. What's the danger in constantly testing God's presence like the Israelites did when they asked 'Is the Lord among us or not?' How can you cultivate trust in God's presence even when circumstances seem to suggest His absence?