

Rescued
PEOPLE
in a Broken World



It's easy to focus on this world so that
you miss the One who made it

God wants more for his children

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. 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?”

Exodus 17:1-2

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

Exodus 17:3-4

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. 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.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 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 17:5-7

What's the Point?

- it's saying more than, "Don't grumble!"
- it's got something to do with Jesus
(e.g. John 5:37–40; Luke 24:25–27)
 - only then does it have something to do with you

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

What's the Point?

- Jesus quenches your spiritual thirst
- only Jesus can do so
 - no other gods?
 - nothing else in the universe?
 - no, nothing else can fill your soul

So the World has Nothing to Offer?

- no: there's goodness even in a broken Creation
- but a physical world can't give you spiritual life
 - you'll never be satisfied ... but we try anyway

Activities

Grades/Achievements

Goals

Relationships

Money

Journey through the Desert to Life

- Israelites hated it
- they'd have settled for a purely physical life
- God led them so they wouldn't settle for less
- but they quarreled with and tested him

God didn't strike them down
the rock was struck instead
and became a source of life
for the Quarrelers and the Testers

