

# Exodus (The Way Out)

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community church



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## Exodus 16:1-17:7 “Desert Adversities”

In the book of Exodus, we are learning that redemption is liberation. God intervenes in our lives to liberate us from the things that we build our lives on more than Him, that will enslave us and eventually devastate us.

God liberates us from the penalty of sin (justification), the power of sin (sanctification) and the presence of sin (glorification).

You can get people out of slavery in an instant (justification), but you can't get the slavery out of people except through a long process (sanctification). How? “Desert Adversities!”

### Desert Adversities Show Us God's Redeeming (Liberating)...

#### ✓ Process

- Desert adversities are God's University. Ex13:18; Ex15:24, 16:2-3, 17:2-3
- Desert adversities reveal what we most trust and treasure. Ex16:4; Deut8:2
- Desert adversities are opportunities for me to access the truth I know in my head and work it deep into my heart and out into my life. (Phil2:12-13)

#### ✓ Provision

- The worst circumstances with God are better by far than the best circumstances without Him. Ex16 Bread from Heaven (John6:35); Ex17 Water from the Rock (John7:37-38); Ps84:10
- God's sustenance and sweetness is not automatic. You must be an active participant regularly and consistently. Ex16:4-5, 19-22
- Three ways to be an active participant:
  - #1 Taste and ingest God's Word. Deut8:3
  - #2 Enjoy daily intimacy with Christ. Ex16:4 “daily” Matt6:11 Give us today our daily bread
  - #3 Fellowship with people who stir your heart for Christ. Ex16:16

#### ✓ Patience

- Desert adversities are Father-filtered not to punish but to purify. Ex16:4, 27, 35; Deut1:31, 8:5
- The more you grasp God's continual patience with you, the more you'll face the desert adversities with peace and poise. Ex17:2-4, 7; Ps103:8 God's patience is not just putting up with us (bare tolerance), but it is serving and meeting the needs of His people who deserve to be disdained and rejected.
- Jesus is the rock who got what we deserve so that we would get what He deserves. Ex17:6; 1Cor10:4; John19:28; John 7:37-38

#### Growing Notes

- 1) The book of Exodus is about redemption (liberation). What is God liberating us from (read intro)? In what three ways does God liberate us? You can get people out of slavery in an instant (justification), but you can't get the slavery out of people except through a long process (sanctification). Explain.
- 2) Read Exodus 16:1-17:7. What stands out to you from this text? Desert adversities show us what three things about God's redeeming of us? Review the three points and Biblical references under God's Redeeming Process. Desert adversities are God's University. Explain. What do desert adversities reveal and give opportunity for?
- 3) Review the three points and Biblical references under God's Redeeming Provision. What's the difference between good and bad circumstances in relationship to God? What must we do to get God's sustenance and sweetness in desert adversities? What are the three ways to be an active participant? Rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = very little; 10 = excellent).
- 4) Review the three points and Biblical reference under God's Redeeming Patience. Which one(s) do you find most helpful? Most convicting? Jesus got the cosmic thirst on the Cross so that we would never thirst again (Ex17:6; 1Cor10:4; John19:28; John 7:37-38). Explain. What is God speaking to your through this study? Pray.