



**Numbers 20:1-9**, *And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.*

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ LAYER

**Numbers 20:10-11**, *Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.*

- ★ By not doing God's work in God's way, Moses not only sinned personally, but he kept people from seeing God's grace and mercy.
- ★ Are my sinful choices hiding God's grace and mercy from the people around me?

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ LAYER

**1 Corinthians 10:4**, *and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.*

**Hebrews 9:25-28**, *Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly...But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

- ★ Jesus was the spiritual Rock in the wilderness that provided for Israel's needs and took the punishment for their sin. Through the incarnation, Jesus died on a cross as a once-for-all punishment for our sin, and all who trust Him are forgiven of their sins and made children of God.

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ LAYER

- ★ God has given us mandates, but the methods for carrying them out can vary, according to His plans.
- ★ Like Moses, we may be tempted to trust in a method more than we trust God.

**Numbers 20:12**, *And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them."*

### A FEW EXAMPLES:

- ★ Share the Gospel (Mark 16:15)
- ★ Sing to the Lord (Psalm 30:4)
- ★ Bible Teaching at church gatherings (Acts 2:42)
- ★ Don't get drunk with alcohol (Eph 5:18)
- ★ Get the Word in you (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- ★ Have qualified Elders (1 Tim 3:2-7)

**Proverbs 3:5-6**, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

- ★ Jesus is not primarily someone from whom we get successful strategies for solving our problems, but a Savior we love and trust to lead us moment-by-moment.
- ★ Am I doing God's work in God's way? Is God calling me to fulfill a familiar biblical mandate in a new way?