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Betty Johnson Memorial

Saturday, October 1st

11am

Sierra Community Church

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3rd STEP is DISAPPOINTMENT
Where we LOOK DOWN.

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5th STEP is PROVISION
Where we LOOK AROUND.

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?"

Exodus 17:1,2

³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

Exodus 17:3,4

⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."

Exodus 17:5,6

6...And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Exodus 17:6,7



Peter Enns

NIV Application Commentary

"We have in this passage three stories of grumbling and complaining, which are lovingly and patiently answered by God. Israel's rebellion against God is both sudden and sustained. The reader can only wonder why (God) puts up with it."

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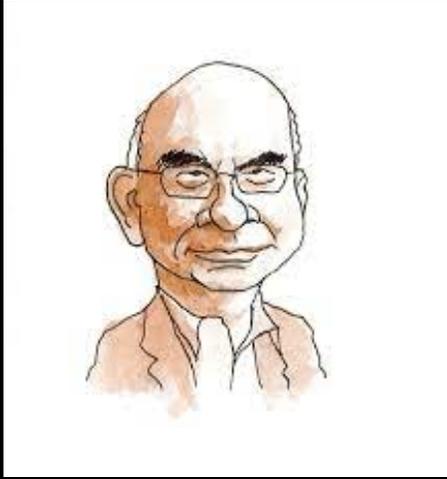
Exodus 17:4

I. The Patience of God

Moses:

“What shall I do with this people?”





Tim Keller

Pastor, Author, Theologian

“Longsuffering means to take people who you should disdain, and people who you should reject, and you go serve them and meet their needs.”



8 Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. ...10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:8,10

II. The Rock of God

"...strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, will drink." verse 6

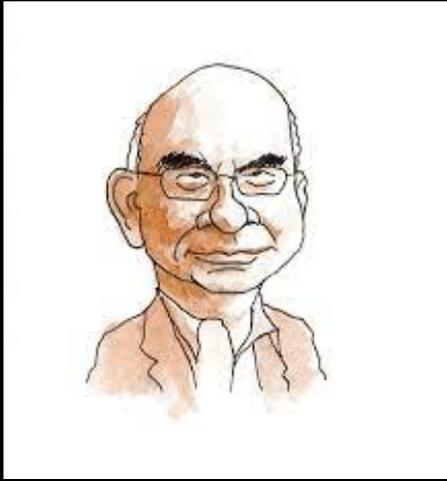


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The metaphor:

Until you get into a troubled spot, you will draw on water from other sources.





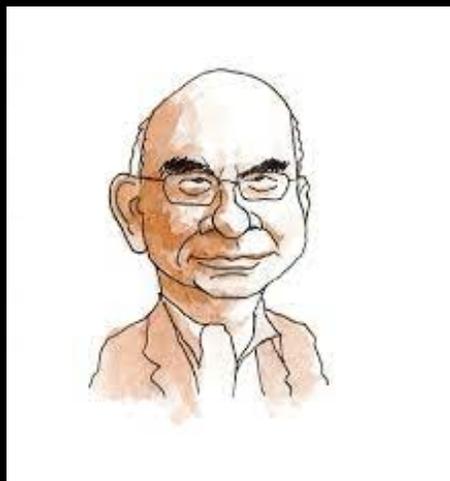
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"You never know God is all you need until you get to a place where you find that God is all you have. It's not until you get into a place where God is all you have that you realize all along, God was all you needed."

“If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ... “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:10, 13,14



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"The reason it's possible out of affliction to come happier people and out of temptation to come stronger people and out of failure to come humbler, wiser, and therefore, more effective people is because in the desert, you can find the water of God. Only in the desert can you find the water of God."

*¹⁸Be thankful in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you who
belong to Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

III. How God Justice Works

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Edmund Clowney
Pastor, Theologian

“The astounding thing about Exodus 17 is that God, in his infinite mercy, goes beyond and gives us more than we have wrongfully asked when we say, ‘You should be blamed.’ ...



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“Because God does come down, and he does take the blow of judgment. But not for this bad person or that bad person or even for himself. For us!”



I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. ...³ All of them ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:1,3,4

*“If anyone is thirsty, let him
come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me ...
streams of living water will
flow from within them.”*

John 7:37,38



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