

RESOLUTE

TENACIOUS FAITH IN TUMULTUOUS TIMES

Quick Starter

Share about a time of mild (or humorous) “anticipointment” in your life (great anticipation met by even greater disappointment).

Read the Text

Read Exodus 15:22-27 together.

Prayer

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and discussed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Discussion

1/ Discuss why the bitter water of Marah came as such a bitter disappointment to God’s people. Compare the water themes of the Exodus with Marah.

2/ Compare the tone of Israel’s speech in 15:1-21 to the words in 15:24. Describe a season when you have gone from praising God to complaining against God in short time.

3/ Read Luke 22:32, Romans 8:34, and Hebrews 7:25. How does Moses’ intercession in v. 25 remind you of Jesus’ intercession for us?

4/ God grew a tree in advance that would supply what Israel needed in the moment they needed it. What does this tell you about God’s grace and providence in our lives?

5/ Why is obedience to the Lord such a central part of the exodus story? What is the difference between “freedom from” and “freedom to”?

7/ Notice the numbers in v. 27. Could there be any significance to 12 and 70 (Genesis 10 we read of “the table of nations” which is 70)? Read Genesis 12:1-2. Is this another hint at God’s calling to bless the nations? To be a “spring” to the nations? What would it look like to be an oasis... to bless your neighbors and the world during this season?

8/ Why is God telling you this today?

Time of Prayer