

# Road Trip Part 3 *Water from the Rock* Exodus 17:1-7

## Message to Conversation Guide

### Exodus 17:1-7

1 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. 2 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?"

3 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?"

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

5 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. 6 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. 7 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?"

### Discussion Questions

1. When a person makes Jesus Lord of their life, they are given God permission to direct their movements and placements in life. How does the verse below confirm this?

### Exodus 17:1

1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, **traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded.** NIV

2. How does the life of Joseph, in the OT, illustrate that God is able to put us in the exact place in life we are supposed to be to serve his purposes and to help others?

**Ge. 45:4-8**

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. 7 **But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.**

8 **"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.** He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. NIV

**Ge. 50:19-21**

19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 **You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.** 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. NIV

3. Discuss the following statement as it relates to the providence of the Lord in our lives:

**Your view of how you got where you are will always determine how you react to where you are.**

4. How does the verse below in the story of Ruth demonstrate that God sometimes directs our paths even though we are not aware of that he is directing our decisions?

### **Ruth 2:3**

3 So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. **As it turned out**, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. NIV

### **Ruth 2:3**

3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, **and she happened** to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. ESV

5. How did Moses respond to the criticism from the Israelites? Who did reach out to when he was crisper? How does the Proverb listed below guide us in how to deescalate conflict?

### **Exodus 17:4**

4 **Then Moses cried out to the Lord**, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." NIV

### **Proverbs 15:1**

1 **A gentle answer turns away wrath**, but a harsh word stirs up anger. NIV

6. When Moses struck the rock to get water who was the rock and what did it symbolize according to the New Testament?

### **1 Cor. 10:1-4**

1 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. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food **4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.**

7. How does the story about the women at the well in **John 4:13-14** illustrate the need for Jesus to satisfy the spiritual thirst of humanity?