

# Devotion 15: Water from a Rock

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## **Scripture:** *Exodus 17:5–6*

*“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. Behold, 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.’”*

## **Devotion**

Put yourself in the sandals of an Israelite watching Moses that day. Your lips are cracked. Your children are crying for water. And what does Moses do? He walks up to a rock and hits it with a stick. You’d probably think, “How is that going to solve anything?” God could have sent a rainstorm. He could have led them around the next sand dune to an oasis. Instead, He chose the most unexpected way possible to provide. And here’s something remarkable: the people had been picking up rocks to stone Moses, and God took a rock and used it to save them. That’s how God works. He takes the very things that seem hopeless—or even threatening—and transforms them into instruments of life. God’s provision almost never looks the way we expect. But it always comes. He doesn’t ask us to understand His methods. He asks us to trust His heart.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Can you think of a time when God answered a prayer in a way you didn’t expect?
2. Why do you think God chose such a strange way to provide water?
3. What are some “rocks” in your life that God might be turning into something good?

## **Closing Prayer**

*Gracious Father, forgive us for the times we think You’ve forgotten us just because Your answer doesn’t look the way we expected. Open our eyes to see Your provision all around us, even when it comes from the most unlikely places. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

**Family Action Item:** Go on a “provision walk” as a family—take a walk together and each person points out one unexpected blessing they’ve noticed recently, no matter how small.