

— Exodus 16 —  
Exodus Series 22  
**Christ's Sonship Training Program**

Ex 16 <sup>1</sup> And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. <sup>5</sup> And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup> Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup> Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses spoke to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.' " <sup>10</sup> Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup> So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'" <sup>17</sup> Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup> So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. <sup>19</sup> And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." <sup>20</sup> Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted. <sup>22</sup> And so it was, on the sixth day, that they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. <sup>23</sup> Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Tomorrow is a Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake today, and boil what you will boil; and lay up for yourselves all that remains, to be kept until morning.'" <sup>24</sup> So they laid it up till morning, as Moses commanded; and it did not stink, nor were there any worms in it. <sup>25</sup> Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field. <sup>26</sup> Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none." <sup>27</sup> Now it happened that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. <sup>28</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? <sup>29</sup> See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day." <sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day. <sup>31</sup> And the house of Israel

called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. <sup>32</sup> Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Fill an omer with it, to be kept for your generations, that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" <sup>33</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations." <sup>34</sup> As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. <sup>35</sup> And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. <sup>36</sup> Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

► Exodus is true history, but not \_\_\_\_\_ history – it is Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ manual giving us a clear picture of our bondage to Satan, sin, and death, our deliverance through Christ, and our redeemed life walking with Christ going forward.

1Cor 10 <sup>1</sup> [B]rethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers ... <sup>2</sup> ... were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ ... <sup>6</sup> Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted ... <sup>10</sup> nor complain, as some of them also complained .... <sup>11</sup> Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition

► Union with Christ instantly changes our identity from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, but transforming us so we think and act like sons is a process that requires rigorous \_\_\_\_\_.

Gal 3 <sup>29</sup> [I]f you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise ... <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gal 4 <sup>1</sup> [T]he heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards

Jn 15 <sup>14</sup> "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants [*slaves*], for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

Dt 8 <sup>2</sup> [Y]ou shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but ... by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD ... <sup>5</sup> You should know in your heart that as a man chastens [*trains*] his son, so the LORD your God chastens [*trains*] you

► Who is more expected from, a slave or a son? A foot-soldier or a Navy \_\_\_\_\_?

• Who requires more training?

• Where does such training take place? \_\_\_\_\_ environments.

• What is learned from such training? Staying \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ environment, accomplishing the \_\_\_\_\_, and receiving the \_\_\_\_\_.

Dt 30<sup>19</sup> I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup>that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, ... to give them.

James 1<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights

• Compare a household servant accompanying the family on a luxury vacation.

► Apply all of this to Israel in our text. Who are they thinking and acting like?

► Name two ways in which we, like Israel, tend to deceive ourselves:

• Looking on the \_\_\_\_\_ with rose-colored glasses and the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with jaded eyes.

Vs 3 “[I]n the land of Egypt, ... we sat by the pots of meat and ... we ate bread to the full!”

Eccl 7<sup>10</sup> Say not, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. [ESV]

Jn 6<sup>30</sup> “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? ...<sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ... “My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

• Forgetting who God \_\_\_\_\_, what he has \_\_\_\_\_, and what he \_\_\_\_\_.

2Cor 1<sup>20</sup> [A]ll the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

► Living as sons requires \_\_\_\_\_, trusting, loving, holding fast, and obeying, and when we fall short, confessing, receiving forgiveness, and jumping back in the fight.

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Deut 10<sup>12</sup> [W]hat does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? <sup>14</sup> Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

2Cor 5<sup>7</sup> [W]e walk by faith, not by sight.

Rev 12<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. <sup>6</sup> Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God ... <sup>17</sup> And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ