

Looking for a Group to connect and dive deeper in your relationship with God and others?
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Community Group Questions:

Exodus 15:26

1. Opener: Brian's been talking about how these names for God represent aspects of his character. In the past, names also indicated what people did for a living. If your first name was one of your character traits, and your last name was your job, what would your name be?
2. The Israelites had just escaped 400 years of slavery, 10 plagues, and watching the Egyptian army be drowned in the Red Sea. As the reader/listener, we may think their grumbling at their thirst and the bitterness of the water at Mara is a bit ungrateful to a God who had done such great things for them. Can you think of a time that you had a similar reaction to a new leader or boss? How long does it take you to build trust in someone new?
3. For a refresh, read Exodus 15:22-27. What evidence did you see in the story that God is a God that prefers restoration to punishment?
4. What evidence do you see that He prefers relationship over rules? What are a few ways in your life that God is pursuing a relationship with you over rules you set for yourself?
5. Did the story and God's behavior surprise you? Why or why not?
6. The tower of rocks is something **we** need to do to remind ourselves of the faithfulness of God. Share with the group somewhere in your life God is being or has been faithful to you in the past. How have you memorialized this story for yourself? Make a plan to remember it, whether that's by telling it to someone, writing it in your journal, or finding a physical reminder you can keep in a prominent place. Share your plan with the group for accountability. These reminders are the building blocks of our faith. Going back to them is what encourages our hearts when we face the next challenge.