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1. ***Life*** **is the greatest** ***school*****!**
   - God is the greatest ***teacher***!
   - Not for our ***salvation***, but for our ***sanctification***.
   - Filling ***ungodly*** ***appetites***.
   - Faith is a ***lifelong journey***.
   - Times of ***growth*** & ***maturity***.
   - Times of ***immaturity*** can ***destroy*** our witness.
2. **A** ***failed*** **test.**
   - A ***mini*** test, or a ***quiz***.
   - Another ***sticky*** miracle.
   - ***Drinkable*** but also ***sweet***!
   - A ***mini*** ***covenant***.
   - The God who heals ***holistically***.
   - Even brought His people ***refreshment***.
   - Sending ***relief*** or sending ***grace*** to endure.
   - We exist for God's ***glory***, not our ***comfort***!
   - The ***bread*** of ***heaven***. ***Manna***- what is it?
   - God's daily ***provision*** was ***enough***!
   - As much as you need, don't ***hoard*** it; it ***spoils***.
   - The ***Sabbath*** was ***different***, sacred.
   - The ***bread*** of ***remembrance***.
   - Teaching them ***humility*** & ***trust***.
3. ***Water*** **from THE** ***Rock*****!**
   - They ***demanded*** God provide.
   - They ***questioned*** God's ability & plan.
   - The ***despise*** God's man, Moses.
   - They ***doubt*** God is with them & that He ***cares***.
   - ***Jesus*** is THE ***Rock***!

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