

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. What is your hope in?
2. What do you do when you end up in Marah
3. How do you respond when things don't work out for good?

New Day New Way – From Disappointment To A New Day **Pastor Kerry Shook – January 29th, 2023**

“Then Moses led the people of Israel on from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the wilderness of Shur and were there three days without water. Arriving at Marah, they couldn't drink the water because it was bitter (that is why the place was called Marah, meaning “bitter”). Then the people turned against Moses. “Must we die of thirst?” they demanded. Moses pleaded with the Lord to help them, and the Lord showed him a tree to throw into the water, and the water became sweet.

It was there at Marah that the Lord laid before them the following conditions, to test their commitment to him: “If you will listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and obey it, and do what is right, then I will not make you suffer the diseases I sent on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you.” And they came to Elim where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees; and they camped there beside the springs.” Exodus 15:22-27
(TLB)

“Then the people turned against Moses. “Must we die of thirst?” they demanded.”
Exodus 15:24 (TLB)

“...and there (the Lord) tested them...” Exodus 15:25c (NASB)

“And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.” Romans 5:5 (NLT)

“Moses pleaded with the Lord to help them...” Exodus 15:25a (TLB)

1. DON'T HOLD ON TO HURT – TAKE IT TO THE HEALER

“If you will listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and obey it, and do what is right, then I will not make you suffer the diseases I sent on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you.” Exodus 15:26 (TLB)

2. DON'T DWELL ON THE DISAPPOINTMENT – LOOK FOR HIS APPOINTMENT

“Moses pleaded with the Lord to help them, and the Lord showed him a tree to throw into the water, and the water became sweet...” Exodus 15:25a,b (TLB)

3. DON'T RETREAT IN FEAR – KEEP WALKING IN FAITH

“After leaving Marah, the Israelites traveled on to the oasis of Elim, where they found twelve springs and seventy palm trees. They camped there beside the water.” Exodus 15:27 (NLT)

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us—as it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree...” Galatians 3:13 (MEV)