

# Bouquet Caboodle



March 8, 2026

## “Water from the Rock”

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11;

John 4:5-42

### Today’s Big Idea

*We enter into the rest of God’s goodness by growing up into the maturity of a steady obedience, grounded on trust, and marked by the posture of the weaned child.*

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### God Has a Rest to Give

A Psalm 95 sermon and a Hebrews 3-4 sermon

A sabbath rest of which the promised land was a foreshadow; a picture of wholeness: **Hebrews 4:8-9**

The green pastures and still waters: **Psalm 23**; the living water: **John 4:13**

What keeps us from entering is *disobedience* and *unbelief*: **Hebrews 3:18-19**

### Israel Kept Out Due to Unbelief: Exodus 17:1-7

The Sin of Israel at Rephidim

Understanding their concern

Realizing what they had been shown: the “same staff that struck the Nile”: **Ex 17:5**

Is the Lord among us or not? **Ex 17:7**; Do not harden your hearts: **Psalm 95:8**

The final straw (after ten rebellions): **Numbers 14:20-35**

### Moses Kept Out Due to Disobedience: Numbers 20:1-13

The people replay the same old broken record

This time different directions for Moses: **Numbers 20:8**

Why speak to the rock this time?

The advanced school of trust: from training wheels to the tightrope

From “tabernacles and temples” to “spirit and truth”

Notice the staff in his hand: **Numbers 20:8**

Moses reverts back to self-centered toddler-hood: **Numbers 20:10**

### Woman at the Well Enters into the Rest of Living Water: John 4:1-42

She expresses belief by asking for living water unlike grumbling/gasping Israelites: **v.15**

She takes Jesus at His word (based on the word spoken to her) unlike Moses

Note this is a “spirit and truth” in action: no sign given other than a true word: **v.23-29**

The villagers model “growing up”: from hearsay to ownership **v.42**

Peace with God marked by hope that opens us up to God’s love: **Romans 5:1-5**

The posture of the weaned child: **Psalm 131**

## The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread

<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>	<i>Psalm 95</i>	<i>Romans 5:1-11</i>	<i>John 4:5-42</i>
<p>17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"</p>	<p>O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! 8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." 11 Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."</p>	<p>5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.</p>	<p>10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." 23 But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."</p>

### Next Week's Readings: What thread do you discern?

March 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-14