

Exodus 16:1-36
“Help Me Help You”

~ INTRO ~

AS WE CONTINUE OUR STUDY...

- Last time we saw how God used **TLC**:

- 1) Israel's Trials
- 2) Israel's Learning
- 3) God's Compassion

TODAY... THE LESSON CONTINUES.

- Testing is meant to develop trust (faith).

GOD USES TRIALS & TESTING...

- To develop our faith and help us... gain... an eternal perspective.

HERE'S A LESSON THAT RELATE TO OUR STORY:

- At the end of Moses' life he said this... (Deut. 8:2-6) NLT

IDEA #1 – IT'S A TEST (vv.1-8)

SO FAR...

- The history of Moses leading Israel... has been littered with trouble.
 - The people have complained each step of the way.
 - And no doubt... we can learn from their past!

(Ex. 14:11-12)

- After the miraculous escape out of Egyptian slavery...
 - The people **complained**.

(Ex. 15:24)

- Three days after the miraculous Red Sea rescue...
 - The people **complained**.

(Ex. 16:2)

- After the miraculous water in the wilderness...
 - The people **complained**.

WE LOOK AT THIS FROM THE DISTANCE...

- And say how moronic are these people!?!

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BUT AT THE SAME TIME...

- We have problem-patterns known as “habits”...
 - That taint the triumphs of God in our lives.

(v.4) NLT – This was a test to develop trust.

- They could trust God... but would they?

It’s the same question for you – will you trust God?

- God has given directions for your life...
 - But will you follow what He says?

MOSES SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE WHAT GOD SAID...

- But (vv.7-8).

IDEA #2 – DIRECTION FOR LIFE (vv.9-30)

(vv.11-12) NLT

- The miracle proves the message.
 - Jesus said it this way... (John 14:11) NCV

GOD’S LOVE FOR US IS DEMONSTRATED...

- First in the cross and then flows down into our daily lives.
 - (Food & clothing & daily provisions).

AND THE LESSON HE WAS TEACHING THE ISRAELITES...

- Was how to obey Him (trust Him).

JESUS SAID (John 14:15) NLT

- Obedience is an outward display of loving God.

NOW... IN (vv.11-19) God provided food for them to eat “manna.”

- And He gave direction for what to do with it (v.19).
 - But in (v.20) some of them didn’t listen.

THEN... IN (vv.22-26) God gave some more directions for rest...

- As it was a day dedicated to the Lord (vv.25-26) READ
- But again some of the people did NOT listen (v.27).

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HERE’S THE CRAZY PART (v.28).

- At every step of leading the people...
 - God held Moses accountable for their obedience.

(James 3:1) NKJV

(Lamentations 4:16) NLT

(Hebrews 13:17) NLT

THE POINT IS...

- God establishes His care for His people...
 - And the direction He gives to His people is to be followed.

IDEA #3 – FAITHFUL CARE (vv.31-36)

FLIP TO (Ps. 77)

FIVE LESSONS FROM THE PSALMIST:

- 1) A painful condition (vv.1-6)
- 2) Questioning faith (vv.7-9)
- 3) Ready to give up (v.10a)
- 4) A change of thinking (vv.10b -15)
- 5) God leads thru the storm NOT around it (vv.16-20)

~ IN CLOSING ~

THE LESSON TO THE CHURCH IS SIMPLE!

- Where there is Godly leadership...
 - There should be Godly submission.

THIS IS A PRINCIPAL...

- That is part of our Calvary Culture...
 - And lived out by Loving God & Loving others.