**Moses a man who heard from God – Ex. 15 -16**

**Focal Truth: God provided for Israel as they followed Him**

**Observations**

1. **Moses led Israel to Marah – the place of bitter waters – 15: 22 – 25**
2. Moses led Israel to the wilderness where there was no water
3. Moses led them to the bitter waters of Marah
4. Israel grumbled – what shall we drink?
5. Moses prayed to the Lord for direction
6. Moses threw the tree into the bitter waters – the waters were sweetened
7. **God gives Israel a commandment& promise to Israel at the bitter waters – 15:26**
8. God gives Israel a commandment with a promise

If you listen to God’s voice

Do what is right in God’s sight

If you listen to the commandments

If you keep all statutes

I will not put any of the diseases of the Egyptians on you

**I am the Lord your healer!**

1. **Moses led them to Elim – the place of 12 springs of water & 70 date palm trees – 15:17**
2. Israel camps and rests by the 12 springs of water & the date palm trees

“They camped there beside the waters”

1. **Moses led them to wilderness of sin – 16:1**
2. Israel 2 month and 15 days into the journey came to the wilderness of sin
3. Israel journeyed between Elim & Sinai – springs of water & barren wilderness
4. **Israel grumbles & complains about Moses & Aaron’s leadership – 16:2 – 3**
5. Israel grumbles against Moses & Aaron
6. Israel regrets leaving Egypt
7. Israel praises God at the Red Sea & complains in the wilderness

Ps 106:12 – 14 – then they believed His words, they sang praise. **They quickly forgot His works. they did not wait for His counsel, but craved intensely in the wilderness**

1. **God promises to provide for Israel’s hunger – 16:4 – 5**
2. God promised to provide food to test Israel’s trust in Him
3. God promised to provide food to test their obedience in gathering the manna
4. **Moses tells the people God has heard your grumbling & reveals His glory in providing manna – 16:6 – 8**
5. You will know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt
6. You will see the glory of the Lord
7. *Your grumblings are against the Lord who saves you and provides for you!*
8. **God speaks to Moses in the glory of the cloud with a promise to provide for Israel’s hunger – 16:9 – 12**
9. God said to Moses, I have heard the grumblings of Israel
10. ***You shall know that I am the Lord – promise of presence & provision***
11. **God provides quail in the evening & manna in the morning for Israel’s hunger 16:13 – 14**
12. God sent the quail for meat at evening & manna in the morning
13. Moses told Israel that the manna was – ***the bread which the Lord has given you to eat***
14. **Israel gathers & eats the manna God provides for them – 16:15 – 22**
15. **Moses teaches Israel God’s purpose for Sabbath – 16:22 – 30**

Mark 2:27 – the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath, so the Son of the Man is the Lord of the Sabbath

1. So the people rested on the seventh day
2. **Israel ate the manna for 40 years & manna was placed in the ark as a testimony of God’s provision – 16:31 -36**
3. The people named the bread from heaven – manna = what is it?
4. Deut. 8:3 – He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord
5. Deut. 8:16 – in the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end

**Things to Remember**

1. Where God leads - He provides
2. What God provides is enough & lasts
3. Where God leads – He is present
4. Where God leads - He is glorified
5. Where God leads – He tests
6. Where God leads is never impossible
7. As God leads – He requires obedience
8. As God leads – faith not unbelief is necessary
9. As God leads – temptations will come

**Daily Use**

1. Do not crave evil things as Israel craved evil things in the wilderness – 1 Cor. 10:6
2. Let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall – 1 Cor. 10:12
3. No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will make a way of escape, that you will be able to endure it – 1 Cor. 10:13