

WHEN LIFE DISAPPOINTS YOU  
EXODUS 15,16

I. THE FIRST DISAPPOINTMENT - NO WATER v.15:22-27

A. THE TIMING OF THE DISAPPOINTMENT v.22

1. Three days journey

B. THE CAUSE OF THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT v.23

1. wilderness of Shur
2. Oasis there at Marah
3. Bitter

C. THEIR RESPONSE TO THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT v.24

1. Grumbled
2. Against Moses
3. What shall we drink?
4. Who were they really complaining about?
5. They named the place Marah
  - a. Marah means bitter
  - b. What were they indicating was bitter?

D. MOSES' RESPONSE TO THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT v.25

1. He cried to the Lord
2. Notice the difference in the peoples' response and Moses' to the same situation
3. Where do we turn when life disappoints us?
4. Psalm 55:22

5. 1 Peter 5:7

#### E. GOD'S RESPONSE TO THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT v.25

1. God showed Moses a tree
2. Moses threw the tree into the waters
3. There He made for them a statute and regulation v.25, 26
4. There He tested them
5. They came to Elim where there was an oasis
6. Question- Did God suddenly just show up here with the tree?

#### II. THEIR SECOND DISAPPOINTMENT-NO FOOD v.16:1-36

##### A. The timing of their disappointment v.1

1. Came to the wilderness of Sin
2. "on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt"
3. "Then they set out from Elim"

##### B. The cause of their disappointment v.3b

1. hunger
2. Millions of hungry Israelites

##### C. Their response to their disappointment v.2,3

1. "grumbled" v.2
2. "The whole congregation"
3. "against Moses and Aaron"
4. "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt" v.3

5. "when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full"
6. "for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly"
  - a. To starve us to death
  - b. Where did they get that idea from?

D. Moses' response to their disappointment?

E. God's response to their disappointment v.4-7

1. "I will rain bread from heaven for you"
2. "the people shall go out every day and gather a day's portion every day"
3. "that I may test them whether or not they will walk in My instruction"
4. On the sixth day, they were to gather twice as much v.5

F. Moses and Aaron's words to the people v.6-8

1. "At evening, you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt" v.6
2. "and in the morning, you will see the glory of the LORD"
3. "for He hears your grumblings against the LORD"
4. "and what are we, that you grumble against us?"
5. "when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening" v.8
6. "and bread to the full in the morning"

G. Moses calls for the people to come near before the LORD v. 9-12

1. "Come near before the LORD" v. 9
2. Why?
3. "the glory of God appeared in the cloud". v10
4. God told Moses and the people what would happen v.11.12

H. God fulfilled His promise v.13-15

1. At evening, quails covered the camp v.13

2. In the morning there was a layer of dew on the ground v.13
3. When the dew evaporated, there was a fine flake like thing
4. The people asked what is it? v. 15
  - a. Moses said it is the bread which the LORD has given you
  - b. manna

#### I. Moses gave instructions v.16-21

1. "Gather as much as he should eat
2. "An omer apiece"
3. "some gathered much and some little" v.17,18
4. They were not to leave any of it till morning" v. 19
5. Some did not listen to Moses and notice the result v.20
6. As soon as the sun grew hot, the manna would disappear
7. What stands out in this gathering?

#### J. The Sabbath observed v.22-30

1. What would this teach them about God?
2. What would this teach them about their lives?

#### K. An omer of Manna is kept v.32-36

1. Why?
2. They ate it for 40 years

### III. LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM OUR DISAPPOINTMENTS

#### #1 Disappointments are a part of life

A. Sometimes, we cause our disappointments

B. Sometimes, God orders our disappointments

#2 Disappointments often come in the areas of genuine need

#3 Disappointments show what is in our hearts

#4 Disappointments involve our focus

#5 Disappointments often test our faith

#6 Disappointments drive us to God

#7 Disappointments often come from unrealistic expectations

#8 Disappointments in life are often followed by blessing and growth from God

What have you found with disappointments and what have you learned?