

Lesson #5

MMBC

Review

Let's open with Scriptures:

- Exodus 13: 17-18
- Deuteronomy 1:19
- Deuteronomy 1:2

This means the way God led them was intentional! The GPS route wasn't the best route. Certainly, God knew the wilderness would be an ideal place for testing and to help them with their faith and endurance. Listen to Travis Greene's song "Intentional".

*All things are working for my good, Cause He's Intentional
Never failing
I know that all things are working my good, He's intentional
Never failing*

God's presence, God's provisions, God's deliverance, and God's protection

This is a good place to start: **Exodus 13:11**. Why start with the promise? Let it stay at the forefront of your mind! Restate it! Remember it! Let it resonate in your mind.

Since God led them through the wilderness every test was ordained to prove His faithfulness. Their tests are for us as well. We learn from their experiences. God tested them. They were not prepared; however, He sent them on their way.

The Bible shared there were around six hundred thousand that left. This does not include the livestock. During this time, the Israelites saw the hand of God manifested repeatedly in their lives. Yet, somehow, they missed it. What are we learning?

The first and foremost example of what He did for them is found in Exodus 13:21 & 22. The Bible says the Lord _____ . Praise God!

His **presence** was with them.

He did not send them alone He went along with them.

Those whom God lead into the wilderness have the assurance of knowing that God goes with us. The pillar of cloud also was a shelter for them from the heat (Psalm 105: 39) and a light for them as they traveled by night.

He also **provided** for them in the wilderness.

Read Exodus 16:12-18

Why did God allow their “overage” to spoil? What was He trying to teach them?

How does this relate to Matthew 6:11?

He was present with them. He also provided for them. In addition, He **delivered** them.

Read Exodus 14:15-22 ff.

How do you see the Red Sea? Is it an obstacle or an opportunity?

Merriam Webster defines both:

Obstacle- something that impedes progress or achievement.

Opportunity-a favorable juncture of circumstances.

What was their response? The Bible said they murmured and wanted to go back. This is evidence they saw the Red Sea as an obstacle rather than an opportunity.

Instead of freaking out or throwing a fit, Moses, was not bothered by the crowd’s response. He remained focused and invites them to stand on their own two feet, to have courage, and see the glory of God.

See Exodus 14:13-14

Does this sound like the same Moses we heard in God’s initial call to him?

What do you think convinced Moses? What will it take to convince you?

God’s Protection

Thus far, we see, the children of Israel faced many hardships on their journey as they traveled through the wilderness. They were at first pursued by the Egyptians. They faced what seemed like a lack of food and water. They faced daily the difficulties of living in and traveling through a hot and dry desert. However, we must remember all of them were allowed by God to teach and to strengthen His people.

Here comes the “real” test.

Read Exodus 17:8. Then came Amalek.... God **protected** them.

The Amalekites were descendants of Esau. They despised God and His people.

Why would God send unarmed men to fight? How did they win the battle? What was God proving?

What do you think the enemy was trying to do?

Note: The Amalekites were from Canaan (their place of destiny). They came early on the Israelites’ journey to the Promised Land. What do you think they were trying to accomplish?

What do you think God was trying to do?

The Israelites didn’t have an army. They didn’t know how to fight. Nor, did they have any artillery.

Read Deut. 25:17-19. What are your reflections on what God has done for you?