

“Israel Complains about Bitter Water” – Exodus 15:22-27

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. After leaving the Red Sea, where did Moses lead the Israelites (v. 22a)?
2. How long did the Israelites travel in the wilderness before finding water (v. 22b)?
3. What was the problem with the water at Marah (v. 23)?
4. What does the name "Marah" mean?
5. How did the people react when they found the bitter water (v. 24)?
6. What did Moses do in response to the people's complaint (v. 25a)?
7. How did the Lord make the water at Marah drinkable (v. 25b)?
8. What did the Lord establish for the Israelites at Marah (v. 25c)?
9. What promise did the Lord make if the Israelites obeyed His commands (v. 26)?
10. Where did the Israelites camp after Marah? What was special about that place (v. 27)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

11. What is the danger of having a complaining heart?
12. How does exposure to negativity and complaining affect the brain, according to some research? What affect does it have on you?
13. What attitude are Christians called to have in difficult situations?
14. What lessons can you learn from experiencing bitterness in life?
15. Why does God continually test His people?
16. What is the significance of the word "diligently" in listening to God's voice?
17. How did Jesus overcome temptation and testing in the wilderness?
18. What assurance do Christians have regarding God's judgment?
19. What is the symbolic meaning of Moses' throwing the log (or tree) into the bitter waters?
20. How does the concept of the log in the water relate to the broader message of salvation?