

Living Water Fellowship

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 23RD JULY 2023

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION VIDEO – *GOODNESS OF GOD (Maranatha Music)– CCL Licence 384660*

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONG: VIDEO – *SING TO JESUS (Robbie Seay Band)-CCL Licence 384660*

BIBLE READING: Exodus 15:22 – 16:8

²² “Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, & they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water.

²³ When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means “bitter”). ²⁴ Then the people complained & turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded. ²⁵ So Moses cried out to the Lord for help, & the Lord showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, & this made the water good to drink.

It was there at Marah that the Lord set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to him. ²⁶ He said, “If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God & do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands & keeping all his decrees, I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you.” ²⁷ After leaving Marah, the Israelites travelled to the oasis of Elim, where they found twelve springs & seventy palm trees. They camped there beside the water.

^{16:1} Then the whole community of Israel set out from Elim & journeyed into the wilderness of Sin, between Elim & Mount Sinai. They arrived there on the fifteenth day of the second month, one month after leaving the land of Egypt. ² There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses & Aaron. ³ “If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat & ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.”

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out & pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they will gather food, & when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual.”

⁶ So Moses & Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “By evening you will realize it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaints, which are against him, not against us. What have we done that you should complain about us?” ⁸ Then Moses added, “The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening & bread to satisfy you in the morning, for he has

heard all your complaints against him. What have we done? Yes, your complaints are against the Lord, not against us.”

SONG: VIDEO – *JESUS STRONG & KIND* (CityAlight/Colin Buchanan) - CCLI 384660

BIBLE READING: Exodus 16:9-30

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Announce this to the entire community of Israel: ‘Present yourselves before the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ As Aaron spoke to the whole community of Israel, they looked out toward the wilderness. There they could see the awesome glory of the Lord in the cloud. ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the Israelites’ complaints. Now tell them, ‘In the evening you will have meat to eat, & in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³ That evening vast numbers of quail flew in & covered the camp. The next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew. ¹⁴ When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. ¹⁵ The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. Moses told them, “It is the food the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ These are the Lord’s instructions: Each household should gather as much as it needs. Pick up two quarts for each person in your tent.” ¹⁷ So the people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, some only a little. ¹⁸ But when they measured it out, everyone had just enough. Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, & those who gathered only a little had enough. Each family had just what it needed.

¹⁹ Then Moses told them, “Do not keep any of it until morning.” ²⁰ But some of them didn’t listen & kept some of it until morning. But by then it was full of maggots & had a terrible smell. Moses was very angry with them. ²¹ After this the people gathered the food morning by morning, each family according to its need. As the sun became hot, the flakes they had not picked up melted & disappeared. ²² On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much as usual—four quarts for each person instead of two. Then all the leaders of the community came & asked Moses for an explanation. ²³ He told them, “This is what the Lord commanded: Tomorrow will be a day of complete rest, a holy Sabbath day set apart for the Lord. So bake or boil as much as you want today, & set aside what is left for tomorrow.”

²⁴ So they put some aside until morning, just as Moses had commanded. In the morning the leftover food was wholesome & good, without maggots or odour. ²⁵ Moses said, “Eat this food today, for today is a Sabbath day dedicated to the Lord. There will be no food on the ground today. ²⁶ You may gather the food for six days, but the seventh day is the Sabbath. There will be no food on the ground that day.”

²⁷ Some of the people went out anyway on the seventh day, but they found no food. ²⁸ The Lord asked Moses, “How long will these people refuse to obey my commands & instructions? ²⁹ They must realize that the Sabbath is the Lord’s gift to you. That is why he

gives you a two-day supply on the sixth day, so there will be enough for two days. On the Sabbath day you must each stay in your place. Do not go out to pick up food on the seventh day.” ³⁰ So the people did not gather any food on the seventh day.

OFFERING SONG: VIDEO – *REST MY SOUL* (Tim Timmons) CCLI 384660

THE MESSAGE: *A JOURNEY OF PROMISE: IN THE WILDERNESS WITH THE PROMISE*

PRAYERS:

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

***(Name), † child of God,
In every time of want or wandering,
God commits to you his abundance in love.
Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: VIDEO – *LIVING HOPE* (Phil Wickham) CCLI 384660

SHOW HIS LOVE