

FAITHFUL TILL THE END

PRECEPT

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² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

PROMISE

In a world full of deceit, broken promises, and lies, God is the One that remains faithful. He is faithful for He is loving, caring, and gracious even though we're not. He is a promise-keeper, keeps His covenant to us no matter what. He is also faithful for He never fails to provide for us. Whatever needs we have in all aspects of life, God will provide it in the measure of His infinite, plentiful, abundant, and never ending resources that will magnificently display His presence, power, and excellence in Christ Jesus!

During the journey of the Israelites from slavery to the promised land, God provided them a pillar of cloud by day that guides them along their way and a pillar of fire by night to provide them light so they can travel both day and night. The Israelites need direction on how to get to the promised land, and God could've just made a map or used a prophet that has been to the promised land, but God provided not just a guide but also comfort and protection.

In Exodus 16:2-3 the Israelites grumbled to God. *"In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'"* Despite all this, He still provided what they need because He is Faithful and that shows how much He loves them. God rained down bread from heaven for them, called *manna* which in Hebrew means "what is it?" God could've let it rain down with seeds and let them worked hard for their food or ingredients that they still need to cook, but the Lord has given them food that is ready to eat. Some scholars said that it tastes like wafers made with honey. The *manna* also has a significant symbolism; it foreshadows Jesus Christ as the bread of life. John 6:31-35 says, *"³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'³² Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'³⁴ 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"* As the Egyptians were chasing the Israelites with chariots, they became afraid and cried out to the Lord because they have no where to run. God saw their despair and provided a way, telling Moses to raise his staff and stretch out his hand over the sea, and then a strong east wind divided the water. God did what no man can do!

No matter what life may throw us or what evil schemes the enemy has plotted in our lives, let us remain faithful for our God is faithful now and forever!

PRACTICE

1. **God's Provision.** How has God provided for you in the past/present?

2. **God's Faithfulness.** Do you think God is indeed faithful? Share your personal experience on God's faithfulness in your life.

PRAYER

I. Young Couples

- Pray for these couples as they lead the Young Couples' groups: Imperial, Oliveros, & Padilla.

II. Circles

- Pray for Manalo couple as they continue to lead our singles and youth to God & His Word.

III. West Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the West groups: Solidum & Fabregas.

IV. South Life Groups

- Pray for the Drapeza couple as they lead the South groups.

V. North Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the North groups: Ocampo & Ico.

VI. East Life Groups

- Pray for these couples as they lead the East groups: Torres & Domingo.

VII. LCC 2nd Anniversary

- Praise God for His sustenance & grace to LCC!