

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Great are You Lord (Awesome is the Lord most high)
Great things

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Thank you for saving me
My heart is filled with thankfulness

BIBLE READING Exodus 17:1-7 (Church Bible page 127)

MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill

SINGING TOGETHER When I survey



Living by Faith ~6 Trusting God or testing God? Exodus 17:1-7

'Whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when it is fully developed you will be strong in character and ready for anything!' James 1:2-4 NLT

1. The danger of _____.

'For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.' 1 Corinthians 10:1 NIV

'Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.' 1 Corinthians 10:5-6 NIV

'And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfilment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!' 1 Corinthians 10:10-12 NIV

2. The danger of _____.

'Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they travelled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"' Exodus 15:22-24 NIV

'The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. 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 round 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.'" Exodus 16:1-3 NIV

'The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink.'" Exodus 17:1-2 NIV

3. The danger of _____.

'The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, travelling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarrelled 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?"' Exodus 17:1-2 NIV

'So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."' Exodus 16:6-8 NIV

'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?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."' Exodus 17:3-4 NIV

'Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?' Exodus 15:11 NIV

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.' Revelation 4:11 NIV

'The Lord answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"' Exodus 17:5-7 NIV

1. It takes a problem to _____ us.

'The Lord God led you all the way in the desert these forty years to test you in order to know what was in your heart.' Deuteronomy 8:2 NIV

2. It takes a _____ attitude to learn from earthly tests.

'He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.' Proverbs 28:26 NIV

3. It takes a heavy test to break a daily _____.

'God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.' Hebrews 12:10-11 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why does God allow different tests in our lives?
2. Read James 1:2-4. How do tests strengthen our character?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1, 5-6, 10-11. Why do we struggle to learn, on a permanent basis, life changing lessons from the mistakes of our forefathers?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12. Why does Paul add this warning? What are some of the dangers of pride in this area?
5. Read Exodus 17:1-2. How does moaning and complaining affect us personally and also the people around us?
6. Read Exodus 17:2. What are some of the dangers of putting God to the test? What are we actually saying when we doubt God?
7. Deuteronomy 8:2 sums up Israel's time in the desert. Why do problems reveal what's inside of us?
8. How do you feel about Hebrews 12:10-11?
9. God's number one purpose in your life is to make you like Jesus. How have you seen tests and trails in your life do this?



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