### **Discovery Service Order and Message Outline**



WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	How lovely on the mountains
	Goodness (With me in the rising sun)
PRAYER	coodinoss (man me in the noting carry
UPDATES	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER	Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise
BIBLE READING	Exodus 15:1-27 (Church Bible page 125)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION	Holy, holy is the Son of God (He is Worthy)
	Behold the lamb
	Living hope



# Living by Faith ~5 How to deal with disappointment. Exodus 15:22-27

# 1. Great successes in life are often followed by

'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.)' Exodus 15:22-23 NIV	
1. Disappointment with	
2. Disappointment with	
3. Disappointment with	
'There the Lord made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."  Exodus 15:25-26 NIV	
2. Great service in life is often followed by	
'So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"' Exodus 15:24 NIV	
1. Don't it. 'Bless those who persecute you. Bless and do not curse.' Romans 12:14 NIV	
2. Don't it.	

'To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish thing to do.' Job 5:2 GN
'Get rid of all bitterness, anger, slander along with every form of malice.' Ephesians 4:31 NIV
3. Don't it. 'Don't let the sun go down while you're still angry and do not give the devil a foothold.' Ephesians 4:26-27 NIV
'You are only hurting yourself with your anger.' Job 18:4 NIV
1. You it. 'So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.' Exodus 15:24-25 NIV
'Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.' 1 Peter 5:7 NIV
2. Let God it.  'You intended to harm me but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.' Genesis 50:20 NIV
'The Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.' Exodus 15:25 NIV

## 3. Great shortages in life are often followed by

'Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.' Exodus 15:27 NIV



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

- 1. What are some of the disappointments you have faced or are currently facing? What is your initial reaction when disappointments come? Why and how can disappointments be quite debilitating?
- 2. Read Exodus 15:22-23. Marah means bitter. What was the circumstance that the Israelites found themselves in that was bitter?
- 3. Discuss the three sources of disappointment and how and why they often lead to disappointment.
- 4. Read Exodus 15:25-26. Why does God allow Marah's in our lives?
- 5. Read Exodus 15:24. At the very first sign of trouble the Israelites were complaining, criticizing, moaning, grumbling. Why do they do that, especially as earlier on they had been rejoicing and praising God? Why is our default that we often complain and moan when trouble comes?
- 6. Discuss the three things not to do and two things to do when you're disappointed.
- 7. Read Exodus 15:27. Why are the greatest shortages in life often followed by fullness and blessing?
- 8. At times in life we can lose heart. And sometimes we lose heart in serving. How does this episode in the life of Moses encourage us to persevere and keep going?



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