

**Sermon: Testing Time in the Wilderness School.**  
**Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.**

**Scripture: Exodus 15:22-16:36.**  
**Date: February 5, 2023**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

- a) What character traits of God do you see in Exodus 16? Does anything you see surprise you? Encourage you?
- b) In 15:25 and 16:4 God says that he will test Israel. Why do you think God tests us (see Deut. 8:2-3)? How does God test us in the wilderness today?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

- a) Are you facing any testing right now? What has your response been so far? Grumbling? Bitterness? Looking back at “better days” (16:3)? Have you been complaining to God or complaining against God?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

- a) How does Jesus both compare and contrast with Israel in this story? How is he the same and different? Think about Jesus’ testing in the wilderness. Why is it so important that Jesus passed his testing when Israel did not?
- b) In John 6 Jesus calls himself the “Bread of Life” (manna from Heaven). The manna in the wilderness satisfied a temporal need but Jesus satisfies our deepest needs. What are some of the deeper needs of our heart that Jesus satisfies? Are you letting him satisfy you on this deeper level? Why or why not?

**APPLICATION**

- a) Read 15:26. Is there any area of your life where you need to “diligently listen to the voice your God?” Is there any voice you need to cut out of your life?
- b) What lessons for your daily life can you learn from the manna? Lessons of trusting God’s provision? Lessons of Sabbath rest? Lessons against greed?

**FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 2:9-10.**

**PRAYER**

- Thank God for meeting all of your needs both earthly and spiritual.
- Confess ways that you have grumbled against God.
- Thank Jesus for satisfying our deepest needs and longings.
- Ask God to help you trust him through the testing of life.