

WAITING WITH GOD

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7

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This passage is an important reminder to God's people that it is easy to focus on our physical condition to the exclusion of the plan of God. We want to see before us exactly how our provision and deliverance will take place, but sometimes God asks us to wait and trust Him.

The Israelites had witnessed many miracles since the beginning of Exodus, and yet they immediately doubted when they could not see a way forward. They failed to trust that God would meet their needs and see His plan through to completion.

Often, when circumstances seem insurmountable, we doubt God's faithfulness and His ability to deliver us. Most often, this is because we assume that we will be God's instruments to bring these plans about; we are really trusting in our own abilities. This passage demonstrated that God can, and does, bring about deliverance in ways that we never would have expected or thought possible.

God, who is Lord over all, can bring water from a rock. He can also bring life from death. For Christ's followers, it must have seemed hopeless on the day of His death. Certainly, they could not have seen a way forward after the crucifixion, but God could and had already planned to bring deliverance. God unexpectedly brought the greatest good from the worst tragedy. The Son of God died so that sin might be atoned for, and He was raised so that His followers might be as well.

Life comes from death. Forgiveness comes from the one being sacrificed, the ultimate triumph from the greatest tragedy, all proving that God, who is over all creation, has the power to bring salvation in His timing through seemingly unfathomable circumstances.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Help us to remember that there is no circumstance so great that it can circumvent your plans. When we can't see the way through our circumstance help let us turn to you in faith, trusting that you know the solution and in proper course it will be made known to us. Amen.

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