

Bible Study 10 – God’s sustaining power – Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7

A group of hikers was trekking along a dry, dusty trail on a scorching summer day. They had been told there was a water fountain at the top of the ridge, and they counted on it to refill their bottles. As they reached the spot, weary and parched, they found the fountain — but it was broken. The disappointment turned into frustration, even anger. One muttered, “Why did we trust this route?” Another blamed the leader. Just then, someone noticed a small trickle flowing out of a rock nearby — a hidden spring. It wasn’t what they expected, but it was enough. When they filled their bottles and cooled their faces, their complaining turned into relief.

The context	God sent Moses to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Moses was reluctant to obey God. But God promised to help him. Because Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let the Israelites go, God sent a series of ten miraculous judgments on Egypt. After the death of the firstborn in the 10 th judgment, Pharaoh let the Israelites go. They escaped the Egyptian army in the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. Then they praised God in song for what He had done, and what He was going to do.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7

First complaint (15:22-25a)	
A test (15:25b-27)	
Third complaint (17:1-3)	
Water provided (17:4-7)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. a) Why did God test the Israelites obedience (Exodus 20:20)?

b) Do you think that God tests Christians today (1 Corinthians 10:6, 11; James 1:2-4)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

After they praised God for being rescued from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites complained about the lack of water in the desert. God was testing their obedience - if they were obedient, He would protect them. But they questioned whether God was involved in their lives. Do we complain or trust God in times of testing?



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a **COMMANDMENT** or **MODEL** for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

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