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"No Water Situation: Will You Test God or Trust God?"

Exodus 17:1-7

"A miracle is a less common kind of God's activity in which he arouses people's awe and wonder and bears witness to himself." – Wayne Grudem

Every miracle has a purpose: Reveals God's glory and strengthens our faith.

READ EXODUS 17:1-7

James 1:2-4, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

"no water situation" – When life's situation is beyond any human solution. God's intervention is required.

II Corinthians 5:21, "For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Jesus we might become the righteousness of God."

In "no water situations" God asks, "Will you trust Me or will you test Me?"

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Psalm 95:8-9, "Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers <u>put me</u> <u>to the test</u> and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work."

Psalm 81:7, "...I tested you at the waters of Meribah."

Testing God Response:

Blame God's leader and God with wild accusations

Trusting God Responses

1. <u>Step around the situation and seek God</u> (vs. 4)

Moses is showing us how we are to rest on the faithfulness of God in the midst of a no water situation.

- 2. <u>Step out in faith and God will stand with you</u> (vs. 5-6a)
- 3. <u>Step back and see God work in His time and in His way</u> (vs. 6b)