



Moses Part 2: Following God

**Today's Sermon:
Finding Contentment**

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Moses led the Israelites and they **hiked** from the Red Sea to the Desert of Shur. They **hiked** for three days without finding **water**. When they came to Marah they found **water**, but it was bitter. So they **grumbled** against Moses saying, “What are we to drink?” Then God showed Moses a piece of wood that he threw into the **water** and it became fit to drink.

Then they **hiked** to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the **water**.

Then the whole Israelite community **hiked** from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. In the desert the whole community **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your **grumbling** against him. Who are we, that you should **grumble** against us?” Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your **grumbling** against him. Who are we? You are not **grumbling** against us, but against the LORD.”

That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

The whole Israelite community **hiked** from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no **water** for the people to drink. So they **grumbled** with Moses and said, “Give us **water** to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you **grumble** at me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

But the people were thirsty for **water**, and they **grumbled** against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

The LORD told Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and **water** will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites **grumbled** and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

- Am I _____ ?
- Where’s _____ ?
- How Can I _____ God?