

# FAITH AND DISAPPOINTMENT

## *Faith, Part 6*

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*Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)* Exodus 15:22-27

Marah: "bitter" vs. 23

### 1. Great successes in life are often followed by

*There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."* vs. 25-26

### 2. Great service in life is often followed by

*So the people grumbled against Moses saying, "What are we to drink?"* v. 24

### What to do with disappointment:

➤ **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ **it**

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse!* Romans 12:14

➤ **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ **it**

*Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.* Ephesians 4:26

➤ **Let God** \_\_\_\_\_ **it**

*Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it in the water and the water became sweet.* v. 25 TNIV

*You intended to harm me but God intended it for good...* Genesis 50:20

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* Romans 8:28

### 3. Great shortages in life are often followed by

*Then they came to Elim where there were twelve springs...* v. 27

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* Psalms 34:18

*Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!* Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT