

Exodus 16

“Bread and Meat”

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **Hebrews 11:13**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. **James 1:12**

The third answer to the “Why” question?

“Every move in whatever direction, every stop and start, every turn of the pathway was by the will of God. Whether they were in the comforts of Elim or in the dire straits of Rephidim, it was because the Lord had led them there.”

Matthew 4:1–2

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

Main Truth-

Obedience to Christ grows our faith,
and faith in Christ spurs our obedience.

Obedience and faith are intertwined.

Exodus 16:1–3 ESV

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Lessons of how obedience and faith are intertwined:

1. Grumbling and complaining corrode faith and prevent obedience to God.

Lessons of how obedience and faith are intertwined:

2. God provides for his children according to their individual, daily needs, in order to develop their personal, daily, trust in Him.

Lessons of how obedience and faith are intertwined:

3. God's provision for us, and our response in obedience and faith, is so that we would know Him.

“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” **Exodus 16:12 ESV**