

Living Free: Provision

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**Small Group Discussion Questions**

**On our journey to freedom, we sometimes lose confidence in God**

We want something to happen, and it seems He doesn't come through.

\*Have there been times you've felt like giving up on God, because it seems He's given up on you?

\*If you are comfortable, can you share about one of these times?

**Read and discuss**

Exodus 15:22-25(NIV)

*For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.<sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"<sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.*

Exodus 16:2-4 (NIV)

*<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.<sup>3</sup> 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."*

*<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions."*

Exodus 17:2-7(NIV)

*<sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."*

*Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"*

*<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, 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?"*

*<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."*

*<sup>5</sup> The LORD answered 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"*

\*Where do you see yourself in these passages?

\*What does God seem to be trying to teach the people?

**God gives the practice of provision**

To live free, we decide to trust that God sees and provides.

\*What circumstances lead to you doubting His promises?

\*What does it look like for you to decide to trust his provision?

**Sometimes God's provision doesn't look like we think**

His provision in the moment may not be what we expect.

\*When has this been true in your life?

**Sometimes God wants us to be the provision for someone**

We might be the miracles in one another's lives.

\*How does providing for someone else help build trust?

\*Where have you seen that YOU are the answer God is giving to someone's calls?

'Is the Lord among us or not?'

\*How can you decide to answer that question this week?