

## The Staff and the Stone

(being encouraged in a discouraging world)

Exodus 17:1-7

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

"At the LORD's command, the people of Israel left the Sin Desert and moved from place to place. Eventually they came to Rephidim, but there was no water to be found there."

Exodus 17:1 (NLT)

### 2. People \_\_\_\_\_.

"So once more the people grumbled and complained to Moses. "Give us water to drink!" they demanded. "Quiet!" Moses replied. "Why are you arguing with me? And why are you testing the LORD?"

Exodus 17:2 (NLT)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Following.

"But tormented by thirst, they continued to complain, "Why did you ever take us out of Egypt? Why did you bring us here? We, our children, and our livestock will all die!"

Exodus 17:3 (NLT)

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's leadership for Man's.

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ to old ways.

### 4. God \_\_\_\_\_!

"Then Moses pleaded with the LORD, "What should I do with these people? They are about to stone me!"<sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Take your shepherd's staff, the one you used when you struck the water of the Nile. Then call some of the leaders of Israel and walk on ahead of the people. <sup>6</sup> I will meet you by the rock at Mount Sinai."

Exodus 17:4-6a (NLT)

#### A. The staff symbolized \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

#### B. Rock symbolized \_\_\_\_\_.

"Strike the rock, and water will come pouring out. Then the people will be able to drink." Moses did just as he was told; and as the leaders looked on, water gushed out."

Exodus 17:6b (NLT)

**If you strike the rock of \_\_\_\_\_ with the staff of God's promises, it becomes a portal of \_\_\_\_\_!**

"And I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. <sup>13</sup> For everyone here, including all the soldiers in the palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians here have gained confidence and become more bold in telling others about Christ."

Philippians 1:12-14 (NLT)

## Action Questions

Where have I been led? \_\_\_\_\_

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What has God done for me? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where is my focus? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is my rock? \_\_\_\_\_

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