

3/22 Sunday School for High Schoolers

Exodus 17:1-7 Water from the Rock

17 The whole Israelite community set out from the desert, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at a place called Rep-Hi-Dim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they got mad at their leader Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you fight with me? Why do you not trust that God will take care of you?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They complained against him and God, yelling out loud, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to kill me."

⁵The 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. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Ho-Reb. 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. ⁷And he called the place Mass-Ah^(a) and Mare-Bah^(b) because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

PRAYER: Try chatting with God! Talk to God in whatever way makes the most sense to you. Do you need to talk to a friend? How about seeing God as Mother? Does it make the most sense for you to call God "Creator" or "Love" or "Holy Spirit" today? Whatever feels most natural to you and puts you most at peace, God is big enough and open enough to be that for you. Talk to God about how you are feeling today. What are you anxious about? What are you excited about? What has made you sad? Where have you seen Love today? Where did you wish you had acted differently? Maybe conclude with a brief thanks that you exist and for the many blessings in your life.