



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Beloved, we bless God for another opportunity to be in His presence today, the 12th day of our praying and fasting season. May the Lord show us mercy and hear our prayers in Jesus' name!

Last week we looked at the basic fundamentals and prerequisites to being led by God. Today, we will continue to set our mind on the basic ingredients needed by God to take us, as His sheep, and guide us through the journey of life. In **Exodus 14** the Israelites were between the Red sea and Pharaoh's chariots and horses of war, but with an arm stretched forth according to God's instructions, a pathway was created in the Red Sea. That wasn't the end to the challenges that the people of God were faced with. Not long after that, in **Exodus 15: 23-26**, the Israelites came to a city called "Marah" with bitter water. God, however, directed Moses on how to cure the bitterness of Marah. Let us examine these challenges and take our lessons from how the people of Israel were able to get God's attention to secure the way forward. In **Exodus 15:24-25** the Bible says: "***And the people murmured against Moses, saying, 'what shall we drink?' And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.***"

From the story above, we can learn the following lessons of Christian life from Moses:

1. **Focus on God as the only source of help:** Psalm 121:1 says: "***I will lift up my eyes to the hill...my help cometh from the Lord.*** Moses looked up and ignored the murmurings of his people. This year, as you looked up to Him, you will receive direction in Jesus' name!
2. **Trust in God** – To receive direction from God, we must put our trust in Him. **Prov. 3:5** admonishes us not to lean on our own understanding. Have you imagined how a tree became a solution to cure water of its bitterness? Only God can turn a tree to a purifying agent that converted bitter water to a sweet one. Brethren, let not our faith be shaken; believe in God and He will surprise you in Jesus' name!
3. **Obedience:** Moses did not look back at the instruction of God, even though it does not make any commonsense. In **2Kgs 5:11**, Naaman felt very embarrassed at the instruction given to him by Prophet Elisha, which was supposedly the cure for his leprosy. But for the good counsel from a servant in the company, Naaman would have died a leper. Contrary to Naaman's initial reluctance, Moses did not hesitate to obey the Commander-in-Chief. He just threw a piece of wood into the water and the story of the Israelites changed. Let us not waiver at his leading and our story will not remain the same this year in Jesus' name!
4. **Have no alternative to God** – We have missed a lot when we nursed a 'plan-B'. God always looks into our hearts to see our desire. When Daddy Abraham executed a second plan, the miracle was delayed for several years before visitation. Moses knew how God called him in the wilderness and the signs and wonders in Egypt. Do you have a testimony of what the Lord has done before? That we slept and woke up is a testimony. Therefore, let us focus on God alone and we shall see his wonders in Jesus' name!

Finally, as we move to Week 3 in this solemn assembly period, let our faith in God be strong; believe in Him, trust in God and know that you cannot be stranded with God as the pilot. Let us yield ourselves to his leading, and as we do this, pleasant surprises shall come our way this year in Jesus name! Shalom!

WALK IN THE LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

- 1 JOHN 1:7 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org