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**Part 1 - Living in Slavery.**

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**Part 2 - Trusting the Lamb.**

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**Part 3 - Crossing from Death to Life.**

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**Part 4 - The Long Journey.**

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### **Part 5 - Reaching the Promised Land.**

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**Psalm 51:5** - I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**Ephesians 2** - We are *by nature* children of wrath.

**1 Cor. 5:7** - Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

**John 5:24** - "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and won't come under judgment, but has *crossed over from death to life.*"

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### **Experience #1 - Bitter Water**

**Exodus 15:22-25** - So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. <sup>23</sup> Now when they came to Marah, they couldn't drink the waters of

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Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.<sup>24</sup> And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”<sup>25</sup> So he (Moses) cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

### **1. A lesson about life.**

**Prov. 17:22** - A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

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### **2. A lesson about themselves.**

**v. 24** - The people *complained* against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?”<sup>25</sup> So Moses *cried out to the Lord*.

**Psalms 106:7** - Our fathers *didn't remember* the abundance of Your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

**Exodus 14:4** - God said, "*I will gain honor* over Pharaoh and his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD."

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### **3. A lesson about God.**

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**v. 25** - The Lord showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.

**Revelation 22:2** - On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the *healing* of the nations.

**1 Peter 2:24** - He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. “By His wounds you are healed.”

**v. 25-27** - There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them,<sup>26</sup> and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what's right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I'll put none of the diseases on you which I've brought on the Egyptians. For I'm the Lord who heals you.”<sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were *twelve wells of water* and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters.

### **Experience #2 - Food Fight**

**Exodus 16:1-3** - And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt.<sup>2</sup> Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel *complained* against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.<sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we'd died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you've brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

**Psalms 78:18** - They tested God by demanding the food they *craved*.

**v. 4-8** - Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I'll rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they'll walk in My law or not.”<sup>5</sup> And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”<sup>6</sup> Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt.”<sup>7</sup> And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints *against*

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*the Lord*. But what are we, that you complain against us?”<sup>8</sup> Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make *against Him*. And what are we? Your complaints aren't against us but *against the Lord*.”

**Philippians 2:14** - Do everything without complaining or arguing.

**1 Cor. 10:10** - Don't complain, as some of them did, and were killed by the destroying angel.

**v. 11-21** - And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,<sup>12</sup> “I've heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I'm the Lord your God.’”<sup>13</sup> So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp.<sup>14</sup> And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground.<sup>15</sup> So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” (Man-uh) For they didn't know what it was. And Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.<sup>16</sup> This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: ‘Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.’”<sup>17</sup> Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less.<sup>18</sup> So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need.<sup>19</sup> And Moses said, “Let no one leave any of it till morning.”<sup>20</sup> Notwithstanding they didn't heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.<sup>21</sup> So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

**v. 31** - The house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander seed, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

**Deuteronomy 8:3** - God humbled you, and in your hunger He gave you manna to eat, which neither you nor your fathers had known, so that you might understand that man does not live by bread alone, but by *every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD*.

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### **1. They gathered it early.**

**v. 21** - So they gathered it every *morning*, every man according to his need.

**Genesis 19:27** - Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD.

**Exodus 24:4** - Moses wrote all the words of the LORD and rose early in the morning, and built an altar

**Job 1:5** - Rising early in the morning, Job offered burnt offerings.

**Psalms 5:3** - [David said] In the morning, LORD, You hear my voice; at daybreak I lay my request before You and look up.

**Psalms 88:13** - In the morning my prayer comes before You.

**Mark 1:35** - Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

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### **2. They gathered it every day.**

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**3. They gathered for themselves.**

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**4. They shared what they gathered.**

**Exodus 16:18** - Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.

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**Acts 14:22** - "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

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**THE BOOK OF EXODUS GIVES THE PATTERN FOR YOUR LIFE.**

**Part 1 - Living in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Part 2 - Trusting the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Part 3 - Crossing from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Part 4 - The \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Part 5 - Reaching the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Experience #1 - \_\_\_\_\_.**

**1. A lesson about \_\_\_\_\_.**

***When life is sweet, say thank you and celebrate. When life is bitter, say thank you and grow.***

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2. A lesson about \_\_\_\_\_.

**What did this trial reveal about the people?**

1. It revealed they were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 106:7** - Our fathers **didn't remember** the abundance of Your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

2. It revealed they were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exodus 14:4** - God said, "**I will gain honor** over Pharaoh and his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD."

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4. It revealed they \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A lesson about \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Experience #2 - \_\_\_\_\_**

***How did they gather manna?***

**1. They gathered it \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. They gathered it \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. They gathered \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. They \_\_\_\_\_ what they gathered.**