



**YOUR
DONATION CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

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THE BITTER WATERS OF MARAH

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Exodus 15:22-26

Acts 5:30

Acts 10:39

Acts 13:29

Galatians 3:13

1 Peter 2:24

Exodus 15:22

1 John 1:7

Ecclesiastics 3:11

2 Samuel 12:21-23

In our walk with Christ, with every test that we have, put God first.

We have the victory in Christ if we abide in Him (Exo. 15:26). Put the Cross into every difficulty and problem that you have, this is the answer! Only by this means can God take the bitter things in our lives and make them sweet.

At some point in our lives, we've had some bitter experiences (death, defeat, etc.)

The purpose of difficulties, tests, and trials is to take us to a higher level in Christ (if we allow them too.)

If we consider the trying times that we're going through, and endure it how God wants us too, in the end we'll come out victorious. Even if you've lost a baby in miscarriage or still-born; if you have accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, you'll see your baby again in Heaven (2 Sam. 12:21-23)

If we consider the trying times that we're going through joy, and endure it how God wants us, in the end we'll come out victorious.

In the time of testing, if we fail or make a mistake, don't give up. Don't be discouraged or think negatively about it, or else you'll become stagnant. Instead, repent about it (1 John 1:7), and believe by faith, that you're no longer the same old person but a new creature in Christ.

Why should we count the tests that we're going through joy? Because by faith, we're believing that God has a promotion for us at the end. God never promised to take the difficult things we go through away, but He did promise to carry us through, and to be with us always (1 Corin. 10:1, Isaiah 41:10).

Jesus giving of himself was the price He paid that we being dead to sin may live unto righteousness. Because of what He has accomplished on the Cross (Gal. 3:13, 1 Pet. 2:24), by faith we have been raised with him in the newness of life. The atonement includes everything man lost in the fall.

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With every wilderness experience, there is hope! The hope is, God has in view our ultimate good. Tests brought upon us by Him will manifest our weaknesses and failures. This is only to magnify the power and mercy of God, for He tests our faith only to strengthen and enrich it.

In comparison, just like the Israelites and their journey in the wilderness to Shur. God had in view their ultimate good all along—the Promise Land. However, because of their unbelief many didn't enter (Hebrews 3:19).

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Three days before going to Shur, Mariam and the others were magnifying the name of The Lord, exalting Him, and worshipping Him on the shores of the Red Sea (Exo. 15:1-21).

However, three days later, in the wilderness without water to drink, and having traveled to Marah where the waters were bitter—they started to murmur against Moses. In spite of their complaining, God heard their cry when they prayed to Him for water. God used Moses to make the bitter waters sweet for them (Exodus 15:25). Ultimately, this was a test for the Israelites, it revealed what was in their hearts.

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God permits us to go through tests for various of reasons, but one thing is certain, it will prove us. God can make whatever is bitter in our lives sweet, but we must believe that He can, and not move our Faith from what Jesus has accomplished on the Cross.

YOUR PRAYER TO GOD

By the Grace of God, I will go through my tests without murmuring against anyone or complaining to God. Instead I will praise and worship God through it, believe in His Word, in His plans for my life, and keep my Faith in what Jesus has accomplished on the Cross.

In Jesus name. Amen.