

LIFE GETS ROCKY

STUMBLING BLOCKS & STEPPING STONES

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- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: Share about a time in your life that was a bit rocky but later on you realized that those rocks were actually stepping stones that prepared you in some way.
 - Did that challenging time cause your faith to waiver at all? Why or why not?
 - How, if at all, are you still affected by the challenges of that time of your life?
 - What were the benefits of going through that challenging time of life?
 - If you had to do it all over again would you change anything? Why or why not?
- Exodus 17:1-7
 - Why do you think that the Lord would command the Israelites to camp in a place with no water? Has the Lord ever brought you to a place that you didn't want to be?
 - This isn't the first time that the Israelites complained about water. Previously they had been brought to a place with water that was too bitter to drink. They also had previously experienced a lack of food. In every instance the Lord provided for them. Why do you think they didn't believe he would provide in this instance after he had proved himself over and over again?
 - When Moses proclaims that they should not put the Lord to the test tells us that the Israelites plea to "Give us water to drink" was a direct charge at God. They were testing whether he was really in their midst?
 - Have you ever been driven to the place that you needed God to prove Himself to you?
 - Did He prove Himself in the way that you expected?
 - What did you learn about your relationship with God?
- Moses is commanded to use the same staff that he used to turn the life-giving Nile river into toxic blood to now used to bring water from this lifeless rock. What do you think is the significance about the specificity of God's command to Moses?
 - Self reflection: What are the "dead" parts of your life that needs the life giving touch of God?
- Pray