

4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God to provide everything you need.

*He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? — Romans 8:32*

*You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. — James 4:2-3*

5. Feed daily on \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ to live!

*I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. . . . I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. — John 6:48-51*

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Take a NEXT STEP . . . .

1. **Contemplate your own wilderness experience.** Use the wilderness “lens” to see your current circumstances in a new light. Which of the 5 lessons is most helpful in your wilderness walk right now?
2. **Seek and trust God for what you need and want today.** Make a list of two or three things right now and take the list to Him.
3. **Feed on the Manna!** Design, tweak or renew a plan to feed on Jesus in God’s Word daily.

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Moses and the Burden of Leadership | Exodus 17-18*



**Moses and the Grumbling of the People**

Exodus 15-17

Sunday, February 21, 2021

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God in Christ has delivered us from our slavery, but the life and land that God has promised still lies in front of us. For now, we walk through the wilderness of this life!

Referring to the Exodus and wilderness journey to the Promised Land, 1 Corinthians 10:9-12 says this:

*We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did. . . nor grumble as some of them did . . . Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest they fall.*

So let us “take heed” together today to learn from their wilderness experience 5 lessons about about our own wilderness experience.

1. **The journey is \_\_\_\_\_, but there will be times of \_\_\_\_\_ along the way.**

2. **Expect tests to \_\_\_\_\_ you and \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

*And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. — Deuteronomy 8:2-3*

3. **Be \_\_\_\_\_, don't \_\_\_\_\_.**



## Moses and the Grumbling of the People

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

How are you? Share highs and lows from this past week.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Exodus 15:22-17:7 again as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text/message this week? What was new, fresh or challenging?
2. Do you see the Christian life as a walk with God through the wilderness? How can that metaphor help us?
3. Read Exodus 15:27. What happens at Elim and what is its significance?
4. If there's one thing that stands out in these passages it's the grumbling of God's people. What's happening underneath their

grumbling? When and why do they grumble? What could they have done instead of grumbling?

5. When and why do you grumble? What does your grumbling look like? What is going on underneath your grumbling? What can you do instead? How do you do that different thing instead of grumbling?
6. What is one area in your life where you really struggle to seek and trust God?
7. Growth Group as FAMILY: Which of the five lessons from the text/message was most challenging and/or helpful for you and why? Which NEXT STEP will be hardest for you this week and why?
8. Growth Group as SERVANT/MISSIONARY: As Christians, we are given the wilderness metaphor to help us understand life in this world. Without this metaphor, how do you think not-yet-Christians understand life? Is there a not-yet-Christian in your life that you could ask this week, "How do you see and understand life?" to get them talking and to learn how they think?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray for those suffering through this Covid-19 pandemic and pray for it to end soon.
- Pray off and out of the story of "Moses & the Grumbling of the People" about the realities of the wilderness, our own grumbling and lack of trust, our need to feed on Jesus, God's manna, etc.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.