

THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST!

EXODUS 17:1-7

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WE ARE THESE PEOPLE

This is a real moment of crisis. They have come to Rephidim (which means "resting place") but there is no water for them to drink. Their response, while normal, is sinful. They are fighting mad and are ready to stone Moses!

The RIGHT response would have been to take their troubles to the Lord and trust Him, their Good Father, to provide for them. But that's not what they do, and unfortunately, many times, that's not what we do.

In their moment of crisis, Israel...

- _____ God's provision, forgetting He always _____ for their needs. (v.2)
- _____ God's protection, forgetting how He has always _____ them. (v.3)
- _____ God's presence, forgetting He is _____ with them. (v.7)

So now this supposed place of _____ has become a place of _____ and _____.

God's response: Grace and _____, not _____. (v.6)

Yet again, He provides for His people!

How does this point us to Jesus?

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-5

Christ, who is our Rock, _____ for us the water of _____.

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- **Demanded God's provision, forgetting He always provides for their needs. (v.2)**
- **Denied God's protection, forgetting how He has always protected them. (v.3)**
- **Doubted God's presence, forgetting He is always with them. (v.7)**

So now this supposed place of rest has become a place of testing and quarrelling.

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