

# **EXODUS: The Movement of God's People**

WEEK 3, AUGUST 30, 2023

## **Is the Lord Among Us or Not? The Wilderness Experience**

Readings: *Exodus 15:22-18:27*

### **I. Review**

### **II. Wilderness (*Exodus 15:22-27*)**

- A. A Theology Wilderness
- B. Sociology of Wilderness – Adolf Van Gennep/Victor Turner – liminality
- C. Jesus' wilderness experience

#### **Reflection:**

- 1) Is wilderness better than captivity? In what ways have you wanted to go back to Egypt?
- 2) Why does God lead us into the wilderness?
- 3) John Muir once said, "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are begging to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity," Henry David Thoreau said, "we need the tonic of wilderness," in what ways do you need to experience more wilderness?

- D. The only way to the promised land is through the wilderness

### **III. The Lord provides (Narrative of scarcity vs narrative of overabundance)**

- A. Back to Egypt Committee (*Ex. 16:1-3*)
- B. Bread from heaven (*Ex. 16:4-16, 31*)
- C. Water from the Rock (*Ex. 17:1-7*)

### **IV. Leadership is a community effort: Moses delegates and appoints leaders.**

#### **Reflection:**

- 1) In what ways are the things that you complain about the things for which you should be the most thankful?
- 2) When we pray the Lord's prayer and ask for "daily bread" what does that entail?
- 3) What does it mean for Jesus to say that he is the "bread of life that came down from heaven(John

#### **Next Week:**

Thou Shall Not: The Ten Commandments and Covenant as Liberating Law

Readings: *Exodus 19:1-24:18*

# Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 2112

1. Je - sus walked \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 2. We must walk \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 3. You must go \_\_\_\_\_ and stand your tri - al;

he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your self. \_\_\_\_\_

— Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ could walk it for him;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can walk it for us;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can stand it for you;

he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_

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