



Detours, Delays & Dead-Ends

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Exodus 16... *the Moses Chronicles*

Then the whole community of Israel set out from Elim and journeyed into the wilderness of Sin, between Elim and Mount Sinai. They arrived there on the fifteenth day of the second month, **one month after leaving the land of Egypt.**
Exodus 16:1

There, too, **the whole community of Israel complained** about Moses and Aaron. “If only the LORD had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.”
Exodus 16:2-3

1. TRUSTING THAT GOD SEES... JEHOVAH-JIREH

Then the LORD said to Moses, “**Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for you.** Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow My instructions. On the sixth day they will gather food, and when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual.”
Exodus 16:4-5

Sabbath... A Day Of Rest

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Announce this to the entire community of Israel: ‘Present yourselves before the LORD, for He has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole community of Israel, they looked out toward the wilderness. There **they could see** the awesome glory of the LORD in the cloud.
Exodus 16: 9-10

2. TRUSTING THAT GOD PROVIDES...

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I have heard the Israelites’ complaints. Now tell them, ‘In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” That evening vast numbers of quail flew in and covered the camp. And the next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew. When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, “**It is the food the LORD has given you to eat.**”
Exodus 16:11-15

Maslow’s Hierarchy Of Need / God Provides Every Need...

3. TRUSTING IN GOD’S PLANS...

The Israelites called the food manna. (**literally means- what is this**) It was white like coriander seed, and it tasted like honey wafers. Then Moses said, “This is what the LORD has commanded: Fill a two-quart container with manna to preserve it for your descendants. **Then later generations** will be able to see the food I gave you in the wilderness when I set you free from Egypt.”
Exodus 16:31-32

God Has A Plan To Provide...

Moses said to Aaron, “Get a jar and fill it with two quarts of manna. Then put it in a sacred place before the LORD to preserve it for all future generations.” Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded Moses. He eventually placed it in the Ark of the Covenant—in front of the **stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant.** So the people of Israel ate manna **for forty years** until they arrived at the land where they would settle.
Exodus 16: 33-35

We Can Trust His Plan

During that time the devil came and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
Matthew 4:3-4

Pain With No Gain Is A Shame

For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.
Philippians 1:21

What Is Your Gain?