

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 2, 2022
Exodus 17

1. What did we talk about last week in chapter 16?
 - a. Manna and Quail...at least that's what the heading in my Bible says.
 - b. Trusting in God for his provision.
 - c. Taking Sabbath and trusting in God's provision there, too, rather than believing we have to work to get things done even on the day that was to be devoted to God.

2. What happened in 17:1-3?
 - a. The Israelites set out again, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded (he was leading them where to go at every point).
 - b. Again, there was no water for the people to drink.
 - c. The people quarreled with Moses and said "Give us water to drink."
 - d. They again decided they were better off in Egypt...the place where they had asked God to deliver them from slavery!

3. Have they not yet learned about the provision of God? _____
Have you? _____

4. What did Moses ask God in verse 4? _____
What was God's answer?
 - a. He told him to stand in front of the elders of Israel with his staff...the one from the previous miracles.
 - b. God is going to be there too...and he told him to strike the rock and water will come out.

5. What did he call the place and why? _____

6. What happened next in verse 8? _____
What did Moses tell Joshua in verse 9? _____

7. What did Moses, Aaron, and Hur do while Joshua was fighting, according to verses 10-12?
 - a. They went to the top of the hill.
 - b. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.
 - c. When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, on one the other – so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

8. What was the result, according to verse 13? _____
Why do you think it mattered whether Moses's hand remained in the air? _____

9. How do we apply this text?
 - a. We're pretty sure that the spiritual leader should always have his hands up.
 - b. We always need the help of God. Perhaps it is when we start thinking we can win the battle without the help of God, that is when we lose.
 - c. Our leaders carry a heavy weight. They may not always be able to bear it alone.
 - d. We pray for our leaders.
 - e. We jump in to help. There was almost certainly prayer involved in the story, but there was also physical action as people helped bear the burden of the physical effort that Moses was carrying alone until he could no more.