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Are You Thirsty - John 4:1-26

Fear or Faith, Blame or Belief

From celebration to dedication: VE and VJ day celebrations for freedom then the work to reclaim

Israel's deliverance came at a price. Though free from external oppression turns inward

Exodus 15 Celebration vs 13 Unfailing love you lead the people you redeemed

Exodus 15:22 16: Desperation: The flesh desires the spirit wavers

Israel quickly becomes frustrated with their holiness when they can't see how a basic need will be satisfied.

Grumbling, Complaining, Wondering and Blaming

Moses, Aaron and God are look at as deliverers but inflictors of despair

God is testing trust: Ex 15:26

God provided from unordinary means: wood and oasis of Elim

Ex 16:3 To the desert as the whole community grumbles

Luther: "when the supply fails, our faith is soon gone."

Power of the flesh: Rom 8:4, 5-8, 13-14

10-12 The glory of God appeared

20-21 it was full of maggots and began to smell

Blessing misused turns to corruption

God defined use: Primary (Praise), Secondary (Blessing)

God misused, worship misused, blessings misused, people misuse

The Woman Many husbands many needs no lasting satisfaction

Jn 4:9-10 How can you ask me for a drink? Will you ask Me?

13-14 You will never thirst spiritually

25-26 When the Christ comes he will explain - I am he

God seeks to overthrow the enemies of His kingdom and our survival

Will we trust and be patient while he does that?

1 Tim 3:16 Appeared in the flesh, vindicated by the spirit taken to glory

Matthew 10:33-34 Free from sin not responsibility

What gets fed more, what guides you more, your flesh or the Spirit?

In spite of your present Jesus is worthy of worship - Spirit and Truth

The future is now: the center of worship is not a place but a person

What do we learn, what do we do?