

# **Your Life With God**

## **FROM A BIG WIN TO A BIG PROBLEM (Exodus 15:19-22 NLT)**

- Israel went from the Red Sea miracle to a dry desert with no water
  1. All on the same journey
  2. From dancing and rejoicing to thirsty and needy
- Our life with the Lord will have amazing blessings and hard things and challenges
  1. To know this ahead of time helps us manage expectations
  2. So we don't become discouraged and disillusioned (**John 16:33 NLT**)

## **TWO DIFFERENT RESPONSES TO THE BITTER WATERS (Exodus 15:23-25a NLT)**

- When the water was too bitter to drink, the people complained and blamed. Moses prayed.
  1. The expectation was that with an oasis, there would be good water
  2. The first response of the people was a negative expression
  3. Moses went to the Lord - and got answers
- All of us face bitter situations in life - how we respond is important
  1. Loss, disappointment, unrealized dreams, failures, relational problems, health issues
  2. Complaining may feel good temporarily - but it doesn't take away the bitter
  3. Praying/calling out to God is a step toward an answer (**James 5:13 NLT**)

## **GOD WAS REVEALED IN A NEW WAY (Exodus 15:25b-27 NLT)**

- The people began to see more of God's character, His goodness, and love
  1. They had known the mighty God of judgment and power
  2. God was revealing His goodness as their Healer
- As we continue our life with the Lord, we see more and more of His character
  1. As the God who loves us and heals us
  2. As the God who helps us through the bitter places in life (**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT**)