

DISAPPOINTMENT TO FULLNESS

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Exodus 15:22-27

THREE FACTS ABOUT DISAPPOINTMENT

I. **THE GREATEST SUCCESSES IN LIFE ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY FAILURE.**

"Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water." vs. 22

Marah: "bitter" (vs. 26)

II. **THE GREATEST SERVICES IN LIFE ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY FORGETFULNESS.**

"So the people grumbled against Moses saying, 'What are we to drink?'" vs. 24

What to do with disappointment?

*** DON'T CURSE IT**

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse!" Romans 12: 14

*** DON'T REHEARSE IT**

"To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish thing to do." Job 5:2 (GN)

"Get rid of all bitterness ... anger, and slander, along with every form of malice." Eph. 4:31

*** DON'T NURSE IT**

"Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold."

Eph. 4:26-27

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger!"

Job 18:4

Instead:

*** YOU DISPERSE IT**

"Then Moses cried out to the Lord."

vs. 25

"Cast all your cares on Him, because He cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

*** LET GOD REVERSE IT**

"You intended to harm me but God intended it for good..."

Gen. 50:20

"All things work together for good"

Romans 8:28

III. THE GREATEST SHORTAGES IN LIFE ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY FULLNESS.

*"Then they came to Elim where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees
And they camped near the water."*

vs. 27

How far is Elim from Marah?

"Whosoever believes on Him shall never be disappointed"

Romans 10:11