



Cross Over  
Exodus 17:1-7

Podcast Summary: Our level of faith and worship is contingent on our expectation of God and knowing that wherever He leads us, he will provide to sustain us. Do you believe God? Are you ready to cross over?

I. Introduction

- A. Read Exodus 17:1-7
- B. Recap: [nola.vcmvmt.com/crossover](http://nola.vcmvmt.com/crossover)

II. Body

A. God's is Always with Us

- 1. Exodus 17: 1: All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, , and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.
  - a) Our journey is under God's leadership ("as the Lord commanded").
    - (1) Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"
    - (2) Psalm 23: The *LORD* is my shepherd.

B. God Will Provide our Needs

- 1. Exodus 17:2-3: Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"
  - a) Israel had still not learned where God leads, God provides.
  - b) If the wilderness narratives demonstrate anything, it is that God hears our complaints and provides in every situation.
    - (1) Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
- 2. Faith/Trusting God is a Journey
  - a) Unhealthy habits are hard to break when it's all you've known - Dr. Dustin Turner
    - (1) It is hard to trust anything when your environment teaches you that survival depends upon distrust and skepticism.

C. God Wants to Help Our Unbelief

- 1. Exodus 17:5-7
  - a) Our unbelief is God's opportunity to perform a miracle. Miracles help our belief.

(1) The staff was a symbol of God hearing the cries of Israel and sent a deliverer to help their unbelief. Staff was also a reminder for Moses in his unbelief:

(a) Exodus 4:4-5: Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. 5 "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

### III. Conclusion

A. Our grumbling is a reflection of our faith. However, our level of faith/worship is contingent on our expectation of God.

1. Hebrews 11:1- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
2. Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
  - a) Faith isn't based on what we see, currently have, etc., but what we hope for/ expect.
  - b) "He exists" also means his nature of shepherding, providing, and caring for us.
  - c) Increased faith leads to increased expectation, which leads to increased worship.

### Reflection Questions:

1. Is your faith increasing?
2. What are you expecting?
3. Do you believe and trust God is who He says He is?