

Sept 11 | Sunday

Standing Alone | Read [Exodus 16:1-3](#)



12 | Mon – A very short memory | Read [Exodus 16:1-3](#)

Only forty-five days after Moses led the people out of Egypt and through the Red Sea to freedom, reality set in. Food was running out and they began to talk about the ‘good old days’ in Egypt. Instead of defining the problem and looking for a solution, they began to complain, loudly. And with drama. How can you avoid falling into the same trap when the newness of a blessing begins to wear off?

13 | Tue – Perspective | Read [Exodus 16:10](#)

The Lord God heard their words of complaint. He responded by showing them His glory. They were so focused on the crisis that they had forgotten His incredible power. They forgot WHO he was. To gain perspective, measure your problems next to the God who completely understands every situation and has the power to do absolutely anything! If you catch yourself complaining, replace it with a grateful request and see what happens.

14 | Wed – Test #1 | Read [Exodus 16:4-5, 14-36](#)

The Israelite people were hungry, so the God who brought them out of slavery by miracles, provided their ‘daily bread’ with another one. This bread was so unusual they called it “manna” which means “What is it?” Manna became their daily food for 40 years. It is interesting that Jesus calls himself the Bread of Life. Manna kept the Israelites alive physically but it is Jesus’ words that keep your spirit alive. Consume them!

15 | Thu – Test #2 | Read [Exodus 16:11-13](#)

We want MEAT! Bread is fine but where’s the beef?! Human nature seems to always want MORE. When one desire is satisfied, we move on to the next thing we crave. God was gracious to these ex-slaves who were just learning a new life. He understood this was a hard transition but what he could not tolerate, and neither should we, is an ungrateful spirit. How could you practice gratefulness today, even though it might be difficult?

16 | Fri – Test #3 | Read [Exodus 17:1-7](#)

Meat is optional, as most vegans will tell you. Bread is a more basic source of nutrition. We need food to live but a person can go without food for weeks and still survive. Water, however, is so essential that a person can only live a few days without it. So again, God provided the water they needed from a very unusual source, a rock. Has there been a time in your life when God provided something essential through unusual means?

17 | Sat – The bottom line? | Read [Psalm 32:8-10](#)

Bread from the sky, meat on the wind, and water from a rock. Three miraculous answers to three tests. In all three, the people were testing God, saying “Are you really God?” but they were also being tested as God said “Will you believe me enough to obey my directions?” Two relevant questions, even for today. The Lord God proves repeatedly that he is faithful and can be trusted. But what about the second question: can he trust you to obey?

September 18 | Sun – Moses, Part 5