

# The Wilderness Cradle

## Exodus

October 11, 2020 ♦ Rev. KC Wong ♦ Exodus 15:22-27, 17:1-7

### Getting started:

#### The Birth in Egypt and the Infancy in the Wilderness

**1. Bitter Then Sweet**

(Exodus 15:22-27; Ruth 1:20-21)

**2. Grumbles and Quarrels**

(Exodus 17:1-3)

**3. Rock Stricken Water**

(Exodus 17:4-7)

### Wrapping up:

## Sermonlater...

### 1. The Birth In Egypt and the Wilderness Infancy

What do you learn from Israelites' spiritual journey in Egypt (for 430 years) and in the Wilderness (for 40 years)? How is this similar/ different to our pre-Christian and post Christian journeys?

### 2. Bitter Then Sweet

- i. Exodus 15:22 said that “...**For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.**” Though the experience was the same for Israelites, but what is the significance of “**without finding water** (15:22)” compared to “**no water for the people to drink** (17:1)”?
- ii. Why was it critical for the Israelites to go through the transformation of the Bitter (Marah) to sweet experience?
- iii. What have you learned from this Bitter (Marah) to sweet experience the Israelites went through in Evangelism today?
- iv. Do you think the people in our community who have yet to accept Christ are aware that life with Christ is sweeter than life without Christ? How do we effectively help these people realize they need Jesus?"

### 3. Grumbles and Quarrels

- i. One of the signs that Israel was at her infant stage in the wilderness was that they grumbled and quarreled often ... why do you think they grumbled and quarreled so much? How could you help them to grow out of that?
- ii. Why do you think Discipleship is absolutely critical for the followers of Christ to grow from infancy to maturity (ref. Hebrews 5:12-6:1)?
- iii. What is your understanding of Discipleship? Please share your thought.