

## Finding Gratitude

Forward in Grace with Gratitude, part 2 Exodus 17:1-7

- **Welcome**
- **Patrick Kelly**
- **Finding Gratitude**
- **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**  
⇒ "Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune thy heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise." (UMH 400)
- **Gratitude**
- **Gratitude is good for us.**

*Give thanks in all circumstances.* -1 Thessalonians 5:18

*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and give thanks in it*

– Psalm 118:24

*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him* – Colossians 3:17

- **The Storms of Life**
- **How do we find gratitude?**

*The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" <sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" <sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So, Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"*

Exodus 17:1-7 (NIV)

- **The Desert of Sin**

*The whole community of Israel left the desert of sin, moved from place to place as the Lord commanded it.* Exodus 7:17

- **We all spend time in the desert.**  
**We all spend time in the wilderness.**
- **Forgotten**
- **God Restores, God redeems**

*<sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."*Exodus 7:6

- **Joni Eareckson Tada, A Place of Healing**

*You were taught, in regards to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on your new self, created to be like Him in true righteousness and holiness.* Ephesians 4:22-23

- **Look for God's Grace at work there.**
- **We intentionally and persistently look for the grace of God at work.**
- **Life is Good**
- **Where do you see God's Grace at work?**
- **Prayer**