

SERMON SERIES
EXODUS, PART 2:
“OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS”
“THE LORD WAS STRUCK FOR US”
Exodus 17:1-7
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I. Grumbling puts God on trial. (vv. 1-4, 7)

“according to the commandment of the LORD”

“therefore the people quarreled with Moses”

“almost ready to stone me”

“quarreling... they test the LORD by saying “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Recall the grace you’ve gotten.

Deuteronomy 6:16

Isaiah 43:1-2

Matthew 4:7

Hebrews 3:7-9

“But grumbling- all grumbling, including yours- is toxic.”

-Tim Chester

II. The LORD was struck in our place. (vv. 5-6)

“taking the elders, and the staff... and go”

“I will stand before you on the rock at Horeb”

“you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out”

1 Corinthians 10: *“the rock is Christ”*

Cast your cares on Christ who was struck for you.

Psalms 78:19-20; 105:41-42

1 Peter 5:7

“Jesus is both the Bread who satisfies our needs and the Rock who bears our judgment.”

-Tim Chester

III. The gospel helps us forsake grumbling. (1 Corinthians 10)

"our fathers"

"all under the cloud... passed thru the sea, ... baptized ...ate ...drank"

Savor the sweetness of the Savior who was struck.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

Galatians 6:7-8

"Followers of Christ are always in danger of taking their Christian experience of grace as license for sin, but the Old Testament example prohibits such license."

-Richard Pratt

Digging Deeper:

1. When has your grumbling gotten out of hand?
2. What are the desperate circumstances you face that need Jesus to work?
3. How can knowing Christ was struck help you to pray in trouble?
4. Where are you finding God to be faithful?