Sermon Discussion (6/29/2025)

The children of Israel have recently been delivered from Egypt and have seen God come through in miraculous ways! They are Free from slavery but not yet free from fear. They are worried about food, survival and the unknown. God is getting ready to do another miracle through the sending of manna, but it will require their Obedience to follow his plan and Trust that He is Enough!

The Main Question: Where does our Trust Lie?

Points to Consider

- 1. God provides in response to our need.
- 2. God teaches us to trust one day at a time.
- 3. God's provision requires obedience.

Scripture References:

Exodus 16:11-21 NIV

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.' " ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.' " ¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. ¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." ²⁰ However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. ²¹ Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

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Application Questions

- Have you ever had your faith tested?
- What did that look like?
- How did you respond?

Love God / Invitation / Relationship

We experience the love of God when we invite Him into our lives.

- Read <u>Exodus 16:11-21</u>.
- What are Moses and Aaron speaking to the children of Israel?
- How are the people responding?
- · Can you see an invitation being made in this passage?
- Who is being invited to do what?
- How does this request show them where their trust truly lies?

Find Freedom / Learning / Clarity

Freedom is found when we learn a new way to think.

- What do the children of Israel think about the plan that God is presenting to them?
- Do they fully understand what God is trying to show them?
- What does this show about their trust?

See God / Prayer / Affirmation

It is much easier for us to "see" God when we are communicating with God. Prayer is how we communicate with God.

- Starting in <u>Acts 4: 24</u>, how does their prayer make them unstoppable?
- Do we see the Children of Israel Praying to God or just complaining?
- What does it look like in our lives when things don't appear to go our way?
- How much do we communicate with God in our lives?
- What can we learn from this?

Experience Healing / Serve Others / Opportunities

The brokenness in our hearts begins to heal as we serve other people.

- How much brokenness have the Children had from their recent time in Egypt?
- What do you think happened, in verse 18, as they began to serve each other?
- How is our healing affected when we focus on other people?

Discover Joy / Gratitude / Community

The more grateful we are the more joy we feel.

- The situation the Children found themselves in was not great. Wilderness life was not easy! What situation do we find ourselves in?
- How can you feel joy in difficult circumstances?
- How grateful are we for the Lord's provision?