



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to  
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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EXODUS 15:22-27

TITLE: WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS

### INTRODUCTION

- A. After experiencing God’s miraculous deliverance from pharaoh through the Red Sea, and after showering God with joyful praise, the Children of Israel quickly forgot and returned to complaining \_\_\_\_\_
- B. In their failure to remember, learn from, build upon and grow from their previous victorious encounters with God, they were, in essence, negating or canceling out God’s previous participation in their lives \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Every interaction with God was as if they were meeting God again for the first time \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Lest we be too hard on the Children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_

### FAILING TO REMEMBER

- A. Song led by Moses \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Song led by Miriam \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What are the songs of testimony we need to remember? \_\_\_\_\_

### A CRITICAL SITUATION

- A. The Children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_
  1. The situation is critical: They were without water for three days
  2. They were in the presence of the water, however, could not drink it
  3. “What shall we drink?”
- B. Pilgrim Rest \_\_\_\_\_
  1. The situation is critical
  2. What we desire is close enough to touch and yet out of reach
  3. “What shall we do?”

### GOD’S SOLUTION

- A. Children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Moses cried out to the Lord and the Lord showed him a piece of wood
  2. Moses threw the wood into the water and the water became sweet (fit to drink)
  3. How could a piece of wood make bitter water sweet?
  4. And, “If they honor and obey Me, you will not be punished with the diseases I placed upon the Egyptians. I am the Lord who heals you – Jehovah Rapha”
  5. Evidence of Elim: Everything in your life that is bitter can become sweet
- B. Pilgrim Rest \_\_\_\_\_
  1. God can use a piece of wood
  2. How can something so simple make what is bitter sweet?
  3. And, “If they honor and obey Me, you will not be punished with the diseases I placed upon the Egyptians. I am the Lord who heals you – Jehovah Rapha”
  4. Everything in your life that is bitter can become sweet