



FAITH IN ACTION: TRACING A LEGACY OF LOVE

⁹The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps. **Proverbs 16:9**

⁴Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. ⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all day long. **Psalm 25:4, 5**

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TEXT: ISAIAH 48:21, DEUTERONOMY 8:15

TITLE: HOPE IN HOPELESS SITUATIONS

INTRODUCTION

- A. Too many are resting their expectations for the future upon what is happening in Washington, DC _____
1. Firing of federal workers
 2. ICE Raids
 3. Senate confirmation of unqualified people
 4. Threat of cutting Social Security and Medicare
 5. Dismantling of DEI
- B. Accordingly, many are losing hope _____

ISRAEL'S SITUATION IS HOPELESS

- A. Through the deserts... _____
- B. Through the wilderness... _____
- C. What makes a desert a desert? _____
1. Deserts are the driest biome on Earth.
 2. Deserts receive less than 10 inches of precipitation per year.
 3. Deserts have a moisture deficit, meaning they lose more water through evaporation than they receive in precipitation.
- D. What makes a wilderness a wilderness? _____
1. Wilderness = *miḏbār* = wilderness, desert
 2. A wilderness is an uncultivated tract of land inhabited only by wild beasts
 3. They are in a vast and terrifying wilderness
- E. Your situation is hopeless _____

HOWEVER, THERE IS HOPE

- A. The Children of Israel did not thirst in the desert _____
1. God made water flow for them from the rock
 2. God led them through the deserts
- B. The Children of Israel came through the vast and terrifying wilderness with its venomous snakes and scorpions – a thirsty and waterless land _____
1. God brought you water from the rock of flint
 2. God led them through the wilderness
- C. However, there is hope – EVEN TO BRING WATER FROM A ROCK _____
1. How much water is in a rock?
 2. A rock itself contains very little liquid water