



## **Between Promise and Fulfillment: Learning to Trust Again**

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<sup>1</sup> In the first month of the year, the whole community of Israel arrived in the wilderness of Zin and camped at Kadesh. While they were there, Miriam died and was buried. <sup>2</sup> There was no water for the people to drink at that place, so they rebelled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The people blamed Moses and said, "If only we had died in the LORD's presence with our brothers! <sup>4</sup> Why have you brought the congregation of the LORD's people into this wilderness to die, along with all our livestock? <sup>5</sup> Why did you make us leave Egypt and bring us here to this terrible place? This land has no grain, no figs, no grapes, no pomegranates, and no water to drink!"

**Numbers 20:1-5 NLT**

### **1. Discouragement Distorts the Facts**

<sup>2</sup> There was no water for the people to drink at that place, so they rebelled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The people blamed Moses and said, "If only we had died in the LORD's presence with our brothers!"

**Numbers 20:2-3 NLT**

## **2. Control Is Alluring but Is Really a Trap**

“You and Aaron must take the staff and assemble the entire community. As the people watch, speak to the rock over there, and it will pour out its water. You will provide enough water from the rock to satisfy the whole community and their livestock.”

**Numbers 20:8 NLT**

<sup>10</sup>Then he and Aaron summoned the people to come and gather at the rock. “Listen, you rebels!” he shouted. “Must we bring you water from this rock?” <sup>11</sup>Then Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the staff, and water gushed out. So the entire community and their livestock drank their fill.

**Numbers 20:10-11 NLT**

## **3. Learn to Move in the Rhythm of God’s Grace**

Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

**2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT**