

WILLIAMSBURG FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST

***From Here to There:
Lessons from the
Israelites' Journey
in the Wilderness***


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7-8 AM
REVOLUTION GOLF AND GRILLE**

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October 1, 2021

WELCOME!

- **Grab some food and drink.**
- **Grab a seat.**
- **Make a new friend.**
- **We will start at 7:11 am.**



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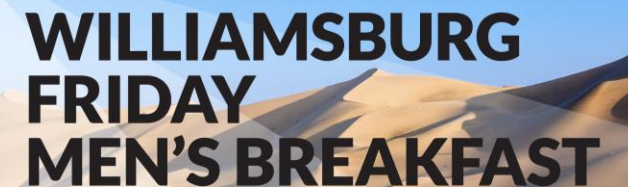
H-E-A-R-T Golf Tournament

- Next Wednesday (October 6th)
- Golden Horseshoe Green Course
- Shotgun Start @ 10:00 am
- Three spots remain
- **FREE!** (Lunch and refreshments included)
- *Interested? See Stan today.*



Overview of Our Journey


Theme: The journey from bondage to freedom points us to *Jesus*.



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Seinfeld on Netflix – TODAY!





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#4 – A Chorus of Complaint

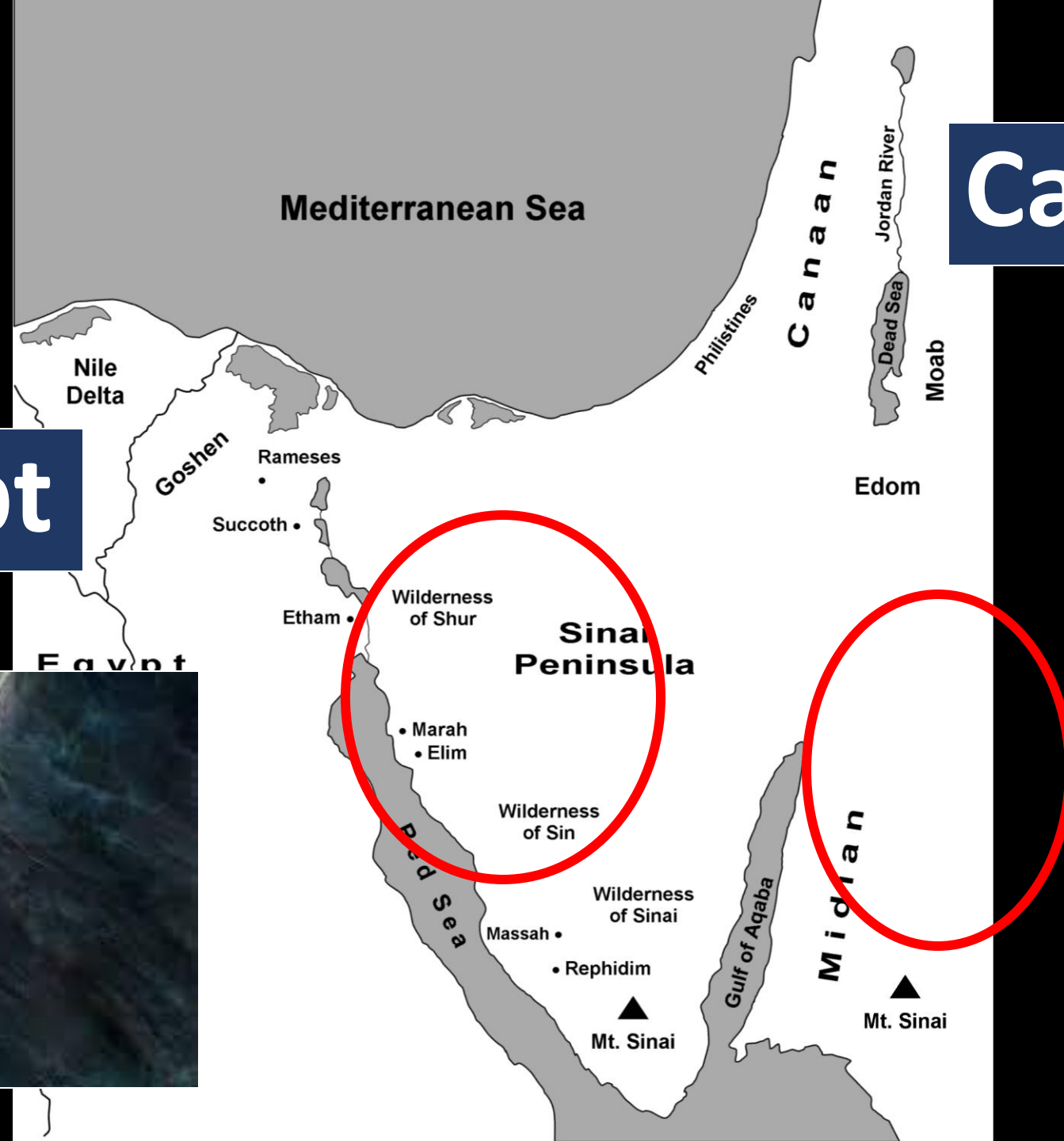
Exodus 15:22-16:12, 31-36

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- 1) The Prelude (*Exodus 15:22-27*)
- 2) The Crescendo (*Exodus 16:1-12*)
- 3) The Postlude (*Exodus 16:31-35*)

Canaan

Egypt



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“The first event of the Israelites’ desert experience is a failure, for they murmur against Yahweh and are given a stern warning—and the provision of sweet water. The event teaches that God is able to turn bitter water into sweet water for his people, and he promises to do such things if they obey. He can provide for them in the desert—he did not bring them into the desert to let them die. But there is a deeper level to this story ...

1) The Prelude (*Exodus 15:22-27*)

“... healing of the water is incidental to the healing of the people, their lack of trust ... God uses adversity to test his people’s loyalty. The response to adversity must be prayer to God, for he can turn the bitter into the sweet, the bad into the good, and the prospect of death into life.”

- NET Bible Study Note

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Problem: Our grumbling grieves God.

“grumbled” (לון) & “grumbling” (תלונה) = 9x

“It is used almost exclusively in the wilderness wandering stories, to describe the rebellion of the Israelites against God ... They were not merely complaining — they were questioning God’s abilities and motives. The action is something like a parliamentary vote of no confidence.”

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Problem: Our grumbling grieves God.

- 1) It disturbs our community (16:2).
- 2) It distorts our concept of reality (16:3).
- 3) It diminishes our commitment to Him (16:8).

1 Corinthians 10:9-12

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, *nor grumble, as some of them did* and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now *these things happened to them as an example*, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

Solution: Our gratitude glorifies God.

- 1) It reminds us of His goodness in the past *(16:6)*.
- 2) It recognizes His grace in the present *(16:12)*.
- 3) It represents His glory to others *(16:10)*.

Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom ***you shine as lights in the world.***

Application: Choose an attitude of gratitude instead of stumbling in your grumbling.

“God loves to provide for us - providing is what He does. And he does it with intimate knowledge of who we are and what we need ... Remember that God is at work in all things, that he desires to shape and transform you. Resist the temptation to zone out, numb out, or check out ... God intends to grow something beautiful and deep and lasting, but we must cooperate with God ... Don't let your detour go wasted. You are in training, and God is up to something good.”

- Jeff Manion, *The Land Between*

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“A method of God’s dealing with the Israelites as His people that He frequently employed stands out clearly in these incidents. God did not lead the Israelites around every difficulty. *Instead He led them into many difficulties, but He also provided deliverance for them in their difficulties.* This caused the Israelites to learn to look to Him for the supply of their needs. He still deals with His children the same way.”

- Allen P. Ross

When God Gives His People Bitter Water

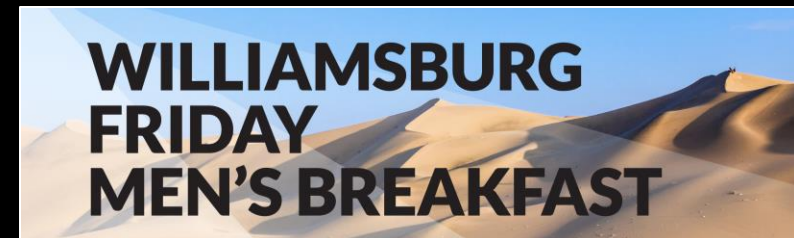
John 6:31-35


“Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ***For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.***” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “***I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.***”

Conclusion

- Be grateful ... don't grumble.
- Our grumbling grieves God.
- Our gratitude glorifies God.

Theme: The journey from bondage to freedom points us to *Jesus*.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. It features rolling sand dunes under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a series of footprints are visible in the sand, leading towards the dunes. The overall tone is bright and sunny.

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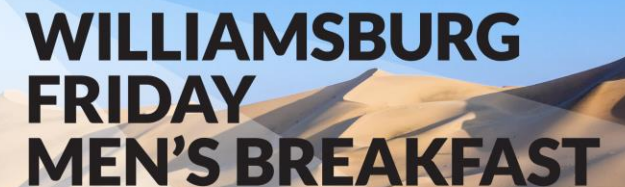
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Next Week:

- ***Exodus 19***
- **The Israelites at Mount Sinai.**

Discussion Questions

- 1) Do you agree that grumbling is ultimately a spiritual problem? Why or why not?
- 2) Where can you exercise an attitude of gratitude instead of stumbling in your grumbling this week?



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