

**SERMON
STUDY
NOTES**

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God of Miracles

John 16:33 NLT

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

What do you do if you need a miracle?

Exodus 15

Exodus 15:22 NLT

Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the **desert** of Shur. They traveled in this desert for **three days** without finding any water.

God gives them a water test.

Exodus 15:23 NLT

When they came to the oasis of **Marah**, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means “**bitter**”).

Points of Reference

Genesis 27 family turmoilbitter

Jeremiah 2 bitterness of grief

1 Samuel 1:10 KJV

And she was in **bitterness** of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

Ruth 1:20 NLT

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she responded. “Instead, call me **Mara**, for the Almighty has made life very **bitter** for me.

Job 7 bitterness of personal suffering

Exodus 15:24 NLT

Then the people **complained** and turned against Moses. “What are we going to drink?” they demanded.

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Come to God with your need.

Exodus 15:25a NLT

So Moses cried out to the LORD for help

An earthly dilemma that begs for a heavenly solution.

Do what God asks

Exodus 15:25b NLT

.....and the LORD showed him a **piece of wood**. Moses threw it into the water.

God can do great things with a piece of wood.

Trust God for the outcome.

Exodus 15:25b

..... and this made the water **good to drink**.

God is the Healer.

Exodus 15:25c-26 NLT

It was there at Marah that the LORD set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to him. ²⁶He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his sight, **obeying** his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for **I am the LORD who heals you.**"

LORD = Jehovah

Jehovah Rapha meaning The God who heals

Exodus 15:27 NLT

After leaving Marah, the Israelites traveled on to the oasis of Elim, where they found **twelve springs** and seventy palm trees. They camped there beside the water.

Mark 2

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Mark 2:5 NLT

Seeing their **faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, “My child, your sins are forgiven.”

The God of Miracles, Jehovah Rapha, stands ready to give you the miracle you need, even if it is not the miracle you are desiring.

Mark 2:6-11 NLT

But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, “What is he saying? This is blasphemy! **Only God** can forgive sins!”

Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? So I will prove to you that the **Son of Man** has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “**Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!**”

God can do great things with a piece of wood. God’s plan all along has been to do the greater thing with two pieces of wood.

It’s About the Cross..... the Ball Brothers

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Isaiah 53:5 NIV

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are **healed**.

Eternal Life

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