

**1. Learning to sing a new song**

- a) What new song did the children of Israel sing after they had passed through the dark trial of the Red Sea, pursued by Pharaoh's army? Exodus 15:1-5, 6-10, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19
- b) How did Miriam respond to the great deliverance the LORD had provided? Exodus 15:20-21

**2. Opportunities to sing their new song of deliverance**

- a) What new trial did the children of Israel face in the Wilderness of Shur? Exodus 15:22-23
- b) Instead of singing their new song of deliverance, how did the children of Israel react? Exodus 15:24
- c) How did the LORD provide for His people in this time of trial despite their lack of faith? Exodus 15:25
- d) Did the tree make the waters sweet or was this another manifestation of the LORD's power?
- e) Why were the children of Israel so quick to doubt God's ability to provide for them at Rephidim? Exodus 17:1-3
- f) How did the LORD provide for His people at Rephidim? Exodus 17:4-6
- g) What revelation did the apostle Paul share regarding the miracle at Rephidim? 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- h) Why does the LORD allow us to face times of suffering, trial, and darkness? Why doesn't He just solve all our problems ahead of time?

**3. Singing in the Judean desert**

- a) What time of darkness did Jesus experience following His baptism? Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1-11
- b) What song do you hear Jesus singing during this dark time in the Judean desert? (See also Psalm 119:11,105 – an inspired Scripture song)
- c) When did Jesus learn to sing these songs? What lesson can we learn from the example of Jesus?
- d) What counsel from the apostle Paul encourages us to follow the example of Jesus? Colossians 3:15-17

**4. Our opportunities to sing a new song in the darkness**

- a) What inspired counsel did the apostle Peter give to Christian pilgrims scattered abroad (that includes us)? 1 Peter 1:3-9
- b) Name some followers of Jesus who learned to sing a new song in times of suffering, trial, or darkness. (Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Paul and Silas in prison, the Philippian jailer, etc)
- c) Share a time when you passed through a dark time of suffering and God gave you a new song to sing. Psalm 40:1-3,16-17
- d) What are some ways you can encourage a friend who is passing through a time of suffering and trial?

