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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

05-070-34 WHEN MOSES DISOBEYED:MASSAH & MERIBAH
(RSV)

:00 The original tape recording had so many artifacts that extra noise reduction techniques had to be applied. Consequently the audio quality is sub-normal – Sorry.

:00-3:00 Terry mentions a recent trip that he had just returned from. It may have been the International Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, 1975, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy. Terry was sent as the observer for the Episcopal Church.

5:50 Exodus 17:1-7 The people of God are in a place of need, because there is no obvious supply of water. They murmur and complain. They question whether the Lord is really with them. Reference Exodus 13:17-18 God did not lead the people by the shorter way but through the wilderness.

12:05 Numbers 20:1-5 Faced again without water the people lose hope, not remembering the previous supply of God in former occasions.

15:30 Numbers 20:6-13 Moses allowed the pressure of a complaining people to bring him to anger in such a way that he missed the true leading of God. God punished him by denying him entrance into the promised land. He had struck the rock this time, even though God told him to speak to it.

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18:15 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 Reading and teaching. God had sent his provision (Christ) as the Rock to care for his people. Teaching on the journey in the wilderness and the people's lack of trust in the Lord. The spiritual sustenance of life will always be available to God's people.

26:00 Numbers 20:6-13 Teaching on Moses striking the rock as opposed to God's instruction to speak to the rock.

26:30 Isaiah 53:6, 10 God himself smote Jesus. He never needs to be smote again – now we speak to him and the living water flows.

Ex. 17:1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people found fault with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you find fault with me? Why do you put the LORD to the proof?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the faultfinding of the children of Israel, and because they put the LORD to the proof by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Ex. 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt." 18 But God led the people round by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

Num. 20:1 And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Num. 20:2 Now there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people contended with Moses, and said, "Would that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! 4 Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain, or figs, or vines, or pomegranates; and there is no water to drink." 6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, 7 and the LORD said to Moses, 8 "Take the rod, and

assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water; so you shall bring water out of the rock for them; so you shall give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” 9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

Num. 20:10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?” 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his rod twice; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle. 12 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.” 13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel contended with the LORD, and he showed himself holy among them.

1Cor. 10:1 I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same supernatural food 4 and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Is. 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Is. 53:10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand;