

Greatest Stories Never Told



Lesson 1: Moses (April 27, 2014)

1 Corinthians 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. **2** They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. **3** They all ate the same spiritual food **4** and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and **that rock was Christ.** *New International Version*

Exodus 17:1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. **They camped at Rephidim**, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2** So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you **put the LORD to the test?**" *New International Version*

Rephidim: Hebrew – RePHYDIYM; To rest or resting place. The root word means to refresh, comfort, or make a bed.

Exodus 17:3 But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "**Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?**" **4** Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." *New International Version*

Exodus 17:5 The LORD answered Moses, "Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. **Strike the rock, and water will come out** of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. *New International Version*

Don't complain, proclaim!

Exodus 17:7 He called the place Massah [proof] and Meribah [contention] because of the faultfinding of the Israelites and because they tempted *and* tried the patience of the Lord, saying, **Is the Lord among us or not?** *Amplified Bible*

“Better to light a candle than curse the darkness” *Peter Benenson*

Numbers 20:1 In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at **Kadesh**. There Miriam died and was buried. **2** Now there was no water for the community... *New International Version*

Kadesh: Hebrew – Qadesh; Sanctuary

Numbers 20:2 Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. **3 They quarreled with Moses** and said, “If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the LORD! **4** Why did you bring the LORD’S community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here? **5** Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!” *New International Version*

Numbers 20:6 Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. **7** The LORD said to Moses, **8 “Take the staff,** and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. **Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water.** You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.” *New International Version*

Numbers 20:9 So Moses took the staff from the LORD’S presence, just as he commanded him. **10** He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” **11** Then Moses raised his arm and **struck the rock twice with his staff.** Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. *New International Version*

Numbers 20:12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, **you will not bring this community into the land** I give them.” *New International Version*

We have a simple choice; we can either live by feelings or by faith

Your needs are met through Christ’ death

2 Corinthians 1:18 But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” **19** For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not “Yes” and “No,” but **in him it has always been “Yes.”**

2 Corinthians 1:20 For no matter how many **promises** God has made, **they are “Yes” in Christ.** And so through him **the “Amen” is spoken by us** to the glory of

God. *New International Version*

Three ways your mouth can proclaim

1. Thanksgiving (1Thessalonians 5:18)
2. Prayer (Philippians 4:6)
3. Speaking (Ephesians 6:17 & 2 Corinthians 4:13)