



I. THE CROSS STILL SAVES

- A. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
- B. Easter Eggs
 - An "Easter egg" is something hidden with the intention of it being found

1 Corinthians 10:11a (TLB) All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against doing the same things;

- C. Jesus is our Passover lamb

1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV) Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

II. THE TREE FOR BITTER WATER

- A. There are places in life that you can't drink from

Exodus 15:22-23 (NKJV) So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah.

Hebrews 12:15 (NLT) Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

- Bitterness is living in the memory of our pain and being held captive to our heartache

- B. There are two choices when faced with bitter water

Exodus 15:24 (NKJV) And the people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

- Present problems have a way of making past difficulties look good
- If we don't learn what to do in the problem, we'll never get out of it

- C. Moses responded by turning to the Lord

Exodus 15:25 (NKJV) So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them,

- Here's the test



Exodus 15:26 (NKJV) and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the Lord who heals you.”

- The test in the wilderness was, “Will you trust me? How?”

D. Jesus in the wilderness

- The temptation to substitute what I know, or what I think for what God has said

III. THE POWER OF THE CROSS

A. What do you see?

- God said I can’t take them the short way because they’re not ready
- Instead He led them to the Red Sea, which was impossible

Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT) But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

Exodus 14:27-31 (NLT) So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the Lord swept them into the sea. Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived. But the people of Israel had walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, as the water stood up like a wall on both sides. That is how the Lord rescued Israel from the hand of the Egyptians that day. And the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the seashore. When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 15:1 (NLT) Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; he has hurled both horse and rider into the sea.