

## **“BORROWED POWER”**

1. When has God purified a bitter experience in your life or brought abundance into your famine?

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2. Why do you think God led Israel to the bitter waters of Marah instead of to sweet water to begin with? What was His object lesson? Why the log?

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3. Israel began complaining and longing for the meat pots of Egypt so soon after God delivered them and set them on their journey. How do you account for their complaining so soon: Short memory? Long, forced marches? Harsh physical conditions? Finicky eaters? Ill-mannered kids?

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4. What did God's provision of manna and quail teach the Israelites? Would God have provided if they had not grumbled? What was significant about the instructions about the way they were to gather? How might the daily gathering of God's provision have affected their attitude?

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5. What is the significance of Israel's identity as "the called out ones"? What did that mean for them? For us?

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6. When have you ever made plans/resolutions that completely fell apart? Why did they fall apart? How did the situation turn out? Why do you think the Israelites' resolutions to follow God faithfully fell apart?

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7. Why did Jesus give His disciples the Holy Spirit in John 20:19-23? Why did He do so by breathing on them? What difference did this make in the lives of the disciples?

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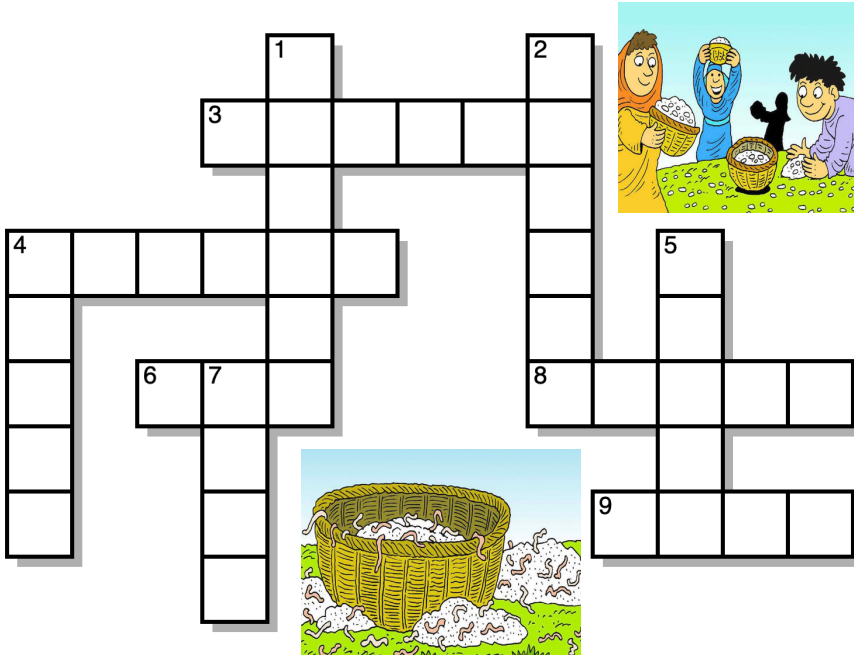
8. What is the significance of the prophets' loss of a "borrowed" axe head in 2 Kings 6:1-7? How did they get it back? Why was it borrowed? What similarities does this passage have with Exodus 15?

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9. What goals do you have for the new year? In light of these passages, what do you think is the best path to success?

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**Down**

1 "they have forsaken me, the fountain of \_\_\_\_\_ waters" (Jeremiah 2:13)

2 Ruach is the Hebrew word for what?

4 What did Elisha throw into the water to make the axe head float?

5 God provided this bird in the desert for the Israelites?

7 The manna was measured using this unit of measurement.

**Across**

3 Marah means \_\_\_\_\_.

4 Pneuma is the Greek word for what?

6 What did God have Moses throw into the bitter water?

8 "what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the \_\_\_\_\_ and this defiles a person." (Matthew 15:18)

9 This place had twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees.

**WORD SEARCH:**

- Fountain
- Water
- Cistern
- Broken
- Moses
- Shur
- Wilderness
- Bitter
- Listen
- Commandments
- Springs
- Palms
- Mouth
- Pharisees
- Defile
- Spirit
- Forgive
- Cleanse
- Elisha
- Prophets
- Axe
- Manna
- Bread
- Gather
- Telegraph

