

## "How To Deal With Disappointment"

Introduction: Greatest disappointment comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

Three water problems for Moses

1. Too \_\_\_\_\_ much.
2. Too \_\_\_\_\_ little.
3. Too \_\_\_\_\_ bitter.

### THREE LESSONS ABOUT DISAPPOINTMENT FROM MOSES

1. The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life are often followed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 15: 22-25 (NIV) <sup>22</sup> Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" <sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.

- Marah or Mary means \_\_\_\_\_.
- After every \_\_\_\_\_ top there is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Going to Marah was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's character was revealed at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Man's character was revealed at \_\_\_\_\_.
- Question: How do you handle failure?

2. The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life is often followed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 15: 24 (NIV) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

- One moment Moses is a \_\_\_\_\_; next moment a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Human nature: people \_\_\_\_\_.
- Question: Who do you take for granted?

### Five things to do with disappointments:

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Romans 12:14 (NIV) <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_.

Job 5:2 (TEV) <sup>2</sup> To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish thing to do.

Ephesians 4: 31 (NIV) <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Ephesians 4: 26-27 (NIV) <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.

- Overnight ANGER gives the devil a place in my life.

4. Do \_\_\_\_\_ it.

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

5. Do let God \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

- All things for the Christian are \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

3. The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life are often followed by \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Wood is symbolic for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Exodus 15:27 (NIV) <sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

- Elim was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Question: How far is Elim from Marah? \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

CONCLUSION: How do you get from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- Answer: There is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Answer: There is a maturity \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 10: 11 (TEV) <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Jesus will not be disappointed.”