

**Start with God!**  
**Seeing Jesus as Problem-Solver, Provider and Purpose**  
**in All of Life**  
**Numbers 20:6-13**

Moses and Aaron found God with the problem:

God planned to *provide*. (and did...)

Moses and Aaron forgot God in the *process*.

Pain and frustration distracted them.

Moses and Aaron forgot their *purpose*.

Ignoring God cost them Canaan.

Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them,<sup>7</sup> and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,<sup>8</sup> “Take the staff, 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 and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.”<sup>9</sup> And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him.<sup>10</sup> Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?”<sup>11</sup> And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.<sup>12</sup> And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”<sup>13</sup> These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the Lord, and through them he showed himself holy.

Numbers 20:6-13

1. Start with God

In your problems

No water, quarreling people and a thankless job

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Numbers 20:6 & 7

They found God and fell on their faces.

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33

“What Does that Look Like?”

- It takes practice  
Pray behind the wheel
- It takes presence of mind  
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- It takes perspective  
Reflect on God's faithfulness

2. Start with God

In your process

“Shall We?”, Second Rock, Speak vs. Strike

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They forgot God's instruction when they faced frustration.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Colossians 1:15-20

“What Does that Look Like?”

- **Ask** for Jesus’ mind
  - 1 Corinthians 2:16
- **Apply** Jesus’ Word
  - Luke 6:46
- **Adjust** to Jesus’ Example
  - John 13:15

Ephesians 3:1

2 Peter 1:3

3. Start with God

In Your Purpose

“Believe me,” “Uphold Me as Holy,” No Canaan (but still the promise!)

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.”

Numbers 20:12

They forgot the point and missed the promise.

See Jesus as your “WHY”

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;<sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:14 &15

“What Does that Look Like?”

- Settle Your Eternity
  - “I believe Jesus died for me. Forever I will...”
- Settle Your Destiny
  - “I believe God has a plan. In my life, I will...”
- Square Your Identity
  - “I believe I am God’s work. Today, I will...”

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

John 6:37