



Rehearse Past Rescues

Numbers 9:1-14

Listen! Sometimes life feels like a desert—and a big one at that.

Why talk about this? We all get into the desert from time to time and need help in there.

Central Idea: One rule for thriving in desert times...is to remember previous rescues by our faithful God.

- To forget the rescues of the past is to despair of rescues in the future.

The Previous Rescue: God brings them out of Egypt. Exodus 12:1-13.

The Present Rescue: God will bring them out of the desert and into Canaan. Numbers 9:1-14.

The Future Rescue: God will provide His Son as the Passover Lamb to cover sin. John 1:29 and 1 Cor 5:7.

The Personal Rescue: Our faithful and loving God will bring us out of our own desert times—at the right time. Romans 8:31, 32.

For Instance: My beating on the steering wheel of the '79 Ford pickup saying, “God it is too late—You cannot bring the rest of the funds in on time.”

Applications: In what ways are you in the desert right now?

- Rehearse/remember past rescues. Numbers 9:1-14 and 1 Cor 10:1-11.
 - He is the Father Who cared for you. 1 Peter 5:7.
- Cast yourself on God for rescue from sin. Ephesians 2:8, 9.
 - He is the Father Who cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7.
- Cast yourself on God for present rescues from the desert. Hebrews 11:1, 6.
 - He is the Father Who cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7.

Resource Available: At the Information Kiosk in The Commons there is a handout on the background of the Book of Numbers and the 8 passages that will be covered in this series.

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

Central Truth: One rule for thriving in desert times...is to remember previous rescues by our faithful God.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

God was faithful to me in these ways in the past by rescuing, providing, protecting, or directing:

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- Thank You Father!

Father, I need You, in Your terrific love and faithfulness, to help me now with:

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- Please help me Father! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father, make it clear to me what it means to trust You in the particular desert time that I am experiencing right now.

Father, make it clear to me what my part is in the striving for these specific needs that I have listed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father, make it clear to me how I am to be used as part of Your showing up in the life of another person. In Jesus' name. Amen.

“Remember, He showed up to help in the past!”