

# Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

## HOW TO FUNCTION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

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### PART 7A: THE FAILURE IN THE WILDERNESS

#### **GOD BEGINS MOLDING HIS PEOPLE**

Before God could bring the children of Israel into the Promised Land, they had to be educated in the laws and statutes of the Lord. They also had to be forged into a nation, in Egypt they existed as 12 tribes. Most of all, they needed to learn what it meant to have faith in God by trusting Him daily. **Exodus 13:17-22**

#### **LIVING IN A COMFORT ZONE**

The children of Israel had been in Egypt for 430 years. After having been so many years in Egypt, it must have been hard for them to believe that they were finally going to the land of Canaan, the temporary home of Abraham. **Exodus 12:40-41**

#### **VARIOUS TRIALS & MIRACLES IN THE WILDERNESS**

The children of Israel entered Egypt as a family of 71, when they left Egypt 430 years later; they had increased to 600,000 men, not to mention all the women and children. Compare this with the age of the United States since its founding 229 years ago. **Exodus 1:1-5, 12:37-38**

1. The first test they faced was the obstacle of the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army behind them; they failed because they had no faith. **Exodus 14:8-14**
2. After they had crossed the Red Sea and seen the destruction of Pharaoh's army, they all danced and sang praises to God (**Exodus 15:1-22**). However, this was short lived because as soon as an obstacle came up, all their faith, joy, and happiness vanished and they wallowed in their unbelief. God did not fail them, but they failed God because they had no faith and did not trust Him! **Exodus 15:23-27**
3. The people faced another difficulty with food? Instead of praising God and thanking Him in advance, they became angry and wanted to go back to Egypt. God did not fail them, but they again succumbed to unbelief! **Exodus 16:1-24**
4. Then God had showed them three mighty miracles, but when God tested them again, they failed! **Exodus 17:1-7**
5. When God called Moses to come up on Mount Sinai, the people became restless. Not having faith that Moses would return, they cried out for Aaron to make them a god which they might worship. **Exodus 32:1-35**

#### **HOW ARE YOU DOING?**

As the time of the coming of the Antichrist is getting closer and closer, God is testing all believers in Christ. How do you test? Are you holding up? Are you an angry Christian? When things are not going your way, does your mouth spew out foul words? Are you a chronic complainer? **Philippians 2:1-16**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**

