

message OUTLINE

I'LL GO ANYWHERE FOR GOD EXCEPT... BACKWARDS!

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• NOTES •

TEXT: Exodus 5:22, 23; 15:22-27; Joshua 3:5

BLESSINGS

I. GREAT SUCCESSES IN LIFE ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY SEEMING SETBACKS

"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." v. 22

"When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter." v. 23

Marah (def.): a negative, bitter or disappointing experience; unforeseen situations or circumstances

SETBACKS

Why does God allow "Marahs" in our lives?

"There the Lord made a decree... and there He tested them" v. 25

II. GREAT BLESSINGS IN LIFE ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY FORGETFULNESS

"So the people grumbled against Moses, saying 'What are we to drink?'" v. 24

SUCCESSES

III. TEMPORARY SETBACKS ARE OFTEN FOLLOWED BY GREATER VICTORIES

"Then they came to Elam... there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees and they camped there beside the waters." v. 27

How do you get from Marah to Elam? _____
You keep on going _____

"He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it." Phil. 1:6

OUR GREATEST DAYS ARE RIGHT BEFORE US

IV. A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY , EXCITEMENT AND EXPANSION

God is taking us...

- From a Regional church... to a Global church!
- From New Venture Christian Fellowship to New Venture Grace Church !

*The name reflects this significant step of our **expanding & exciting new future***

***"Two are better than one for they help each other to succeed."** Eccl. 4:9*

- This God-ordained merger benefits both organizations

Grace International

- 84 year history
- Churches & ministries in 107 nations
- Experience, resources & a Global mission

New Venture Christian Fellowship

- 30 year history
- Regional influence & impact throughout SD County
- NV Campus becomes the home of **New Venture Grace Church & Headquarters** for Grace Intl.

A WIN-WIN SITUATION

New Venture's **Vision, Mission & Ministries** remains the same. We lose nothing - only gain! We will be **adding** Grace International's incredible ministries including the annual **Grace Intl. Leadership Conference of North America**, a **School of Ministry**, a **Ministry Intern Training Program & Pastoral Training of Leaders!**

Other Blessings & Benefits

- Additional Pastoral Leadership
- Rotating Teaching Team
- Shared Church Leadership Model
- Added Interns into the Ministry
- The Great Resources of Grace Intl.
- The Great Campus of New Venture
- Worldwide Short Term Mission Trips (*20 annually*)

"Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

Josh. 3:5

Miss Anything? ——— When you leave today, you'll be handed a recap of God's plans for New Venture Grace Church, Grace Intl. Headquarters, and the new work that God is doing here.