

# IS THE LORD AMONG US?

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-7

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Introduction:

1. Younger siblings often learn from the mistakes of the older siblings.
2. We must learn from the example of the Israelites.
3. From their example, we learn about...

## I. FAITH

### A. THEIR LACK OF FAITH

1. Their lack of faith was on display -Ex 16:1-7
2. They have made a history of little faith
  - a. When Moses first came -Ex 5:20, 21
  - b. Before the Red Sea Crossing -Ex 14:10-12
  - c. Need for food -Ex 16:1-3

### B. GOD IS WITH US TODAY

1. He never leaves us nor forsakes us -Mt 28:20; He 13:5
2. He is with us during times of...
  - a. Adversity -2Co 1:3-ff
  - b. Temptation -1Co 10:13
  - c. Sin -1Jn 2:1, 2; 2Ti 2:5; He 4:14-16

## II. ANXIETY

### A. LEGITIMATE NEEDS (As opposed to wants)

1. In our text, they needed water
2. Man needs food, clothing, and shelter today.

### B. WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT NOT TO WORRY

1. Sermon on the Mount -Mt 6:25-33
2. Jesus taught by example:
  - a. During His time of temptation -Mt 4:2-4
  - b. When the disciples forgot to bring bread -Mk 8:13-21
3. Remember the observance of David -Ps 37:25

## III. THANKFULNESS

### A. CREATES FAITH

1. Thankfulness creates faith by getting us to look back
2. Israel should have done this (ie. The plagues upon Egypt, the Red Sea Crossing, the manna from heaven)
3. We do this by remembering all God has done for us (ie. The cross and the salvation that is only found in Christ.)

## B. DESTROYS ANXIETY

1. Thankfulness does this by getting us to look ahead through a different lens.
2. David had no anxiety when it came to Goliath -1Sa 17:34-37
3. Jesus had no anxiety at all
  - a. He expressed thankfulness before feeding the 5,000 -Jn 6:11
  - b. He expressed thankfulness before raising Lazarus -Jn 11:41

### Conclusion:

1. We should never wonder if the Lord is among us or not!
2. When we remember all that God has done for us and the promises He has made, we will know assuredly that the Lord is among us.