

Introduction:

When was a time when you received a _____ that you did not think that you _____?

This occasion with Moses seems like a pretty _____ infraction.

Is there really such a big difference between _____ to the rock or _____ the rock?

I. What was Moses's Sin?

When we examine this passage closely, we will see that God _____ say that it was the _____ of Moses that was the main problem here.

Numbers 20:12 – But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

So, back in Exodus, Moses _____ the rock with his staff, and the rock gives water for the people. That is how God _____ him to solve this problem the first time.

Now, many years later when the situation comes up again, instead of _____ to God, Moses relies on what worked _____.

II. Our Lessons from the Wilderness

1) We don't want to _____ that how God solved a problem for us in the past is the _____ way that God is going to work in our life today.

Isaiah 43:18-19 – Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!
What _____ idea or new _____ is God bringing into your life that you need to pay _____ to?

Numbers 10:9-10 – So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, “Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?”

2) We must _____ to God, put God on display, and give Him _____ when things work out.

A surprise: When Moses disobeys and strikes the rock in the wrong way, water _____ come out. Incredibly, the miracle still _____!

3) Just because something _____, does not mean it is what God _____.

Example 1: It is certainly possible to grow a church into a large church, by using the _____ methods.

Example 2: It could be a time when someone realizes that they can be _____ at their job using _____.

It is important to understand that God loves _____, not our _____.

It all begins with coming to _____. Ask Jesus to forgive you for following the wrong _____ in your life. Tell Jesus that you want to be _____ son or daughter, and you _____ be!

Conclusion:

God does not _____ success like our world does. God values _____ and dependence on Him. (over)

Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) What is a way that you get stuck in the past instead of seeing God at work in a new way in your life?
- 2) What is a practical kind of way that you can be sure to give glory to God and not honor yourself?
- 3) This message includes some examples of when something works, but it is not what God wants. What is another example of this that you can think of?