

January 11, 2026

Scripture Text: Exodus 17:5-7 NLT

Subject: "A Rock In A Weary Land"

Introduction: As we have come into yet another new year, some have realized as I so humbly shared on last Sunday that stepping into 2026 is truly a thank you Jesus moment.

As it has been in years past and even now in 2026 some might say that: "God is good all the time and all the time God is good."

But sadly, that's not everyone's testimony even among those in the body of Christ.

I dare say that some people may well have the mindset of the Children of Israel found in the text, for many begin this new year wondering to themselves: "Is the Lord here with us or not?"

And whether we care to admit it or not, a new year brings us to life's cross-roads.

A new year – but the same challenging questions:

- What do I do now?
- Where do I go from here?
- What's next for me?

Sermon Points

Major Moment: Our faith is put to the test when we face the wilderness moments of life.

- **We All Have Struggles In The Wilderness**
 - Exodus 17:1
 - John 14:1-3
 - John 16:33
 - Matthew 11:28
- **We All Take The Test Of Faith**
 - Exodus 17:2-3
 - James 1:2-3
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Isaiah 40:31
- **We Must Trust That God Will Provide**
 - Exodus 17:5-6
 - Romans 10:14-15
 - Romans 8:28

Summary Verse: "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." **Psalms 46:1**