

On Journey with God!

Marah – The Second Stopping Place: Separation

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A. The Problem of Compromise – Exodus 15:22-23

B. The Poison of Rebellion – Exodus 15:24

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Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate – 2 Corinthians 6:17

- Principle of *Evidence* – 1 Corinthians 6:11 *How will this activity reflect upon my new nature as a Christian?*
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