



sermon notes

Love God: Our Journey  
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### Exodus 17:1–6 (NLT)

At the LORD’s command, the whole community of Israel . . . moved from place to place. Eventually they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water there for the people to drink. So once more the people complained against Moses. “Give us water to drink!” they demanded . . . “Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Are you trying to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”

Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What should I do with these people? They are ready to stone me!”

The LORD said to Moses, “Walk out in front of the people. Take your staff, the one you used when you struck the water of the Nile and call some of the elders of Israel to join you. I will stand before you on the rock at Mount Sinai. Strike the rock, and water will come gushing out. Then the people will be able to drink.” So, Moses struck the rock as he was told, and water gushed out as the elders looked on.

**This story is important because God wants us to know and remember that:**

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### Joshua 4:1–3,6,20–24 (NLT)

When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, “Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them, ‘Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.’ We will use these stones to build a memorial.” Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River.

Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the LORD your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across . . . He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD’s hand is powerful, and so you might (honor) the LORD your God forever.”

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## **Christ Church Vision**

Adopted 1993

We believe that Christ Church is God's church, and we desire to follow where He leads. Believing that God calls His people to live by faith . . . , we believe that God's vision is for Christ Church to be:

- A place where everyone is welcomed in an atmosphere of love and acceptance. Where forgiveness abounds and encouragement thrives.
- A place where the Good News of Jesus Christ can be shared with the residents of not only our nearby community, but all of Northern Virginia.
- A place where thousands of people are welcomed into the life, ministry and mission of the church. A church family that laughs and cries together and lives in harmony with each other.
- A place where every believer will be equipped to use their spiritual gifts in ministry at home, work and play.
- A place where every believer will be nurtured and disciplined into spiritual maturity through Bible study, retreats, seminars and small groups.
- A place from where we will send one missionary to every continent around the world and send our members on mission projects both in the United States and around the world.
- A place that births another church somewhere in Northern Virginia.
- A place on enough land to be a regional church. A church with attractive, efficient facilities for worship, Christian education, a Christian school, youth center, counseling center and elder care.

Although this vision is beyond our ability and resources, it is well within the ability of the One who has revealed it to us.

**WE KNOW THIS:**

***Jesus looked at them intently and said,  
"Humanly speaking, it is impossible.  
But with God everything is possible."***

Matthew 19:26 (NLT)

**The Lord is with us.**

**We are here by God's grace.**