

# WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Exodus 16

Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades  
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## Introduction:

How content are you, with the life you have? What else would it take to satisfy you? More money? A different career? A loving spouse, a different spouse? Would that make you happier? Just look at what God has provided ... most blessed of all the world; country, education, material blessing, friends and family, spouses and children to love. David in 1 Chron 29.

Spiritually, got salvation, relationship with Father, forgiveness, power and freedom, heaven; what more? Ill. Friend ... "That's as good as it gets" ... while some might say, "but it's not good enough."

**We will only find that enough is enough when we receive what God provides with gratitude.**

Please open your Bibles to Exodus 17. Page 51.

God liberated them ... answered their prayers in supernatural fashion, gave them desire of their hearts. Three days after Independence Day Celebration; we find them mumbling, murmuring, complaining. First, God leads them to bitter waters and they cry out; better to have died in Egypt. Bitter water sweet. Second, after about a month, they run out of food. Things are getting desperate.

**v. 1** Wilderness of Sin. Wandering around desert of SIN, a little too close to home?

Nothing to do with our word, a shortened form of Sinai. Southwest part of the Sinai Peninsula ... reference to geographical location not moral terpitude.

Ironic though, find them in a place that aptly describes problem ... wandering around wilderness of sin.

Disconnected from God, running from Him, disobedient and starving; untrusting and ungrateful. Felt like God was holding out on them ... couldn't be trusted.

**vv. 2,3** Crying out to God, In Egypt we had plenty of food ... meat pots and bread. You brought us out here to die, it was intentional, your plan all along. They question his motives ... 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion of grumbling. Instead of scolding, or reproving or rebuking (He does that later), God pours out GRACE. He provides.

**vv. 4-9** Lots of natural explanations for how this might have happened, tamarisk trees that ooze a substance sweet ... quail migrating from NAfrica, so exhausted they fall to the ground into the hand. Natural explanations, anyway you cut them, they don't stack up. Miracle.

**v. 10** The Cloud was there with them, glory. They knew He was there ... not BIG enough to provide?

**vv. 11,12** God provides blueberry pancakes with syrup in the morning and buckets of KFC original recipe in the evening. It was the perfect diet. Lots of protein and fiber, and it was really tasty.

God never missed a day ... food was delivered every day (except Sabbath) for 40 years.

**Phil 4:19 (NIV) And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

God provides everything we need ... **WATER for THIRSTY, FOOD for HUNGRY, REST for WEARY.**

**vv. 25,26** The Sabbath was His day off (timeless principle established in the creation account). They hadn't had a day off in 430 years. 7 days a week.

God establishes timeless truth, must not be ignored.

When on the journey, look to God to provide. Thirsty, Hungry, Weary?

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WHEN WE ... **Trust God to provide. God provides without fail.**

ill. See everything as a gift from God. **Psalm 16** This is my territory. What He has assigned to me.

Why do we doubt? Has he ever failed to provide?

Focus on what He has provided and you will find that enough is enough.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WHEN WE ... **Come to the table daily. God provides just enough for one day.**  
**Manna = literally a question. "What is it?"**

Tasty ... like Krispy Kreme doughnuts; yet more nutritional, organic, natural.

**We must go out and gather.** Means we need to go out and get it every day. **vv. 13-24**

**Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV84) <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Fail to receive it and pick it up every day. LISTEN CAREFULLY, God has something to say every day.

Ill. Hearts shrinking and souls starving because he sets a table every morning; yet we don't bother to come to breakfast. This is DAILY.

Come to the table each day and you will find that enough is enough.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WHEN WE ... **Take a day off, one out of seven. God provides rest for our souls.**

God rests the seventh day and doesn't make the daily pizza (manna) delivery. He stops working on the Sabbath; just like He did when He created in Genesis 1,2.

Rest is same root word as Sabbath. Cease working. If you violate it you are making a big mistake.

Ill. My sister.

Vacations we take are not rest. Come home exhausted.

Saturday and Sunday are not rest. When are you going to wake up and slow down.

Some say, "but you can rest when you're dead." Speeding the process.

Cease striving and enter His rest and then you will know that enough is enough.

Conclusion:
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THIRSTY, living water ... HUNGRY, bread of life ... WEARY, rest for our souls.

When we trust Him to provide, he graciously gives us nourishment for our souls.

When we gather spiritual food daily we get what we need for that moment, hour and that day, ENOUGH.

When we obey God's command to rest, we get replenished with resources we don't have.

Question ... Trust Him? Come to Him? Set aside a day to rest and give thanks to Him. Only then will we find that enough is enough.