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“He led you through the great and **terrible** wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint.

Deuteronomy 8:15

## Sum up what you would see, think of, feel, and value if what you heard was imminent. What would be astonishing?

- Sense of helplessness
- Sudden, life-altering, despair, will I be able to endure?
- Where do we look to fix it? Will God stop this? We will be crushed? God is one doing this?
- I am going to die
- Sense of I MUST do something
- Indignation / boiling rage / anger
- Go into survival mode
- This would fill your gaze, either cave or resolute to survive/pick apart



## But what **SHOULD** be astonishing?

- That God is working (He is caring for me/ providing)
- That people should/will be able to trust God & endure through it
- God did it and part of His trustworthy word & righteous character

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“Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, 11 and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, 12 then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deuteronomy 6:10–12

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He was **afraid** and said, “How **awesome** is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Genesis 28:17

## What enables Christians to end up being their own authority?

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For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

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“You shall have sons and daughters but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity. 42 “The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground. 43 “The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower. 44 “He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you will be the tail. 45 “So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. Deuteronomy 28:41–45

# Bringing Injustice Before God Pt. 4

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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**A mature faith is one that both sees the issues at hand and yet remains steadfast, living in light of God's providence.**