

we can live without water is very very short. We are apt to overlook this because it is so easy for most of us to get to water unless we have made an actual physical wilderness journey.

I personally have had that experience a number of times, and I've had the experience of going two or three days ~~without~~ unable to find any water, and have realized very keenly ^{just} what it means to be without water, how very important it is. I have gone when I had sufficient water but only sufficient in the heat of the desert and then I would get such thirst that I couldn't possibly be satisfied no matter how much you'd drank. And for two or three days after I came out that tremendous thirst continued. It was no use for me to drink more and more water. It didn't satisfy. Water is a tremendously important thing in our lives. X

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I think, but particularly near the beginning of our wilderness journey many Christians have experiences similar to those of the Israelites regarding water. Water repre-
sents familiar ^{food} ~~things~~. It represents familiar things. It represents that to which we are accustomed. The new Christian finds himself cut off from many of his old friends. He may experience a great loneliness. He finds it difficult to make a new ~~adjust~~ ^{that are} adjustments to new situations. He has many experiences/similar to those of the Israelites on their journey as they found it difficult to get sufficient water. The first experience of this type described is in Ex. 15 where we have after Miriam's song of deliverance ^{we have} the next ~~half~~, the first experience described in relation to water in vs. 22. "So Moses/^{from} the Red Sea and they went out into the wilderness of Shur, and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water." That is the first experience that they had, and it ~~rep~~ represents something that any of us can experience - a longing for human companionship, a longing for the friends we have had, a need of more spiritual food, a need of many things,