

## 22 July 2023 | Michael Bells | The Land Between – 2

### From Last Week

- Did the first message of 'the Land Between' speak to you?
- Do you sense that you are in 'the land between' in your life now?

### Connect

- What Have you had something that you were looking forward to, that did not turn out the way you thought it would?
- Do you have a story of God meeting some provision in your life during a time of feeling like you were in the wilderness? Did that provision remind you of God's closeness?

### Engage

- Read **Exodus 15:24, 16:2-3, 17:3**
- What are the Israelites grumbling about in each passage?
- Look at the surrounding verses, how does God answer them?
- What do we learn about the character of God in the responses?

### Apply

- Have you found yourself grumbling of late?  
How could you shift your heart from an attitude of grumbling to complaining to God?
- Does it bring you peace to know that we can bring our complaints to God?  
Do you find it difficult to speak to God in this way?
- How do you imagine God wants to respond to you?  
Remembering how God provided for the Israelites and gave his presence near them, is this how you see God responding to you?

### Pray

Spend a moment in silent rest and then read aloud **Isaiah 58:11**

*"And the Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your desire in scorched places  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters do not fail."*

Spend a moment just resting in God's love together and have someone close you in a prayer of gratitude for God's closeness.

### Going Deeper

- Here is an article by Richard Foster on waiting. It could be helpful as we discuss being in 'the Land Between' <https://renovare.org/articles/waiting-on-the-lord-involves-waiting>