



There's nothing quite like a good summer vacation Road Trip—exploring the country, seeing the world one stop at a time. In that spirit, this summer, BCN is traveling through the history of God's people—stopping along the route to meet our spiritual ancestors. Each encounter is a snapshot of their lives. Each stop is a chance for us to see how God has worked in the lives of His people. Each week is an opportunity for us to consider how God is working among us today.

While Israel wandered in the wilderness between the slavery of Egypt and the freedom of the Promised Land, God provided manna for them to eat every day. But after they arrived in the Promised Land, the manna stopped. Did this mean God abandoned them? No. It meant that they now had to start feeding themselves, using the bounty of the Land God had given them. This is a model for our Christian faith: when we first start out, as spiritual infants, God's presence is easy to sense, and everything seems easy. But God won't let us remain infants; we must grow up, learn to feed our own souls.

#### Scripture for Further Reading

Joshua 5; John 6:1-15, 22-26; 1 Corinthians 13; Hebrews 5:12-14

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What does following God look like for you? Would you characterize it as easy or frustrating?
2. Why does faith look so easy for some people? Why do others struggle to believe and follow?
3. How are our spiritual journeys comparable to Israel's journey to the Promised Land?
4. What does manna look like in a Christian's life? Why does God stop providing this "manna"?
5. What does it look like for you to "grow up" spiritually? What's the next step in your maturation?

