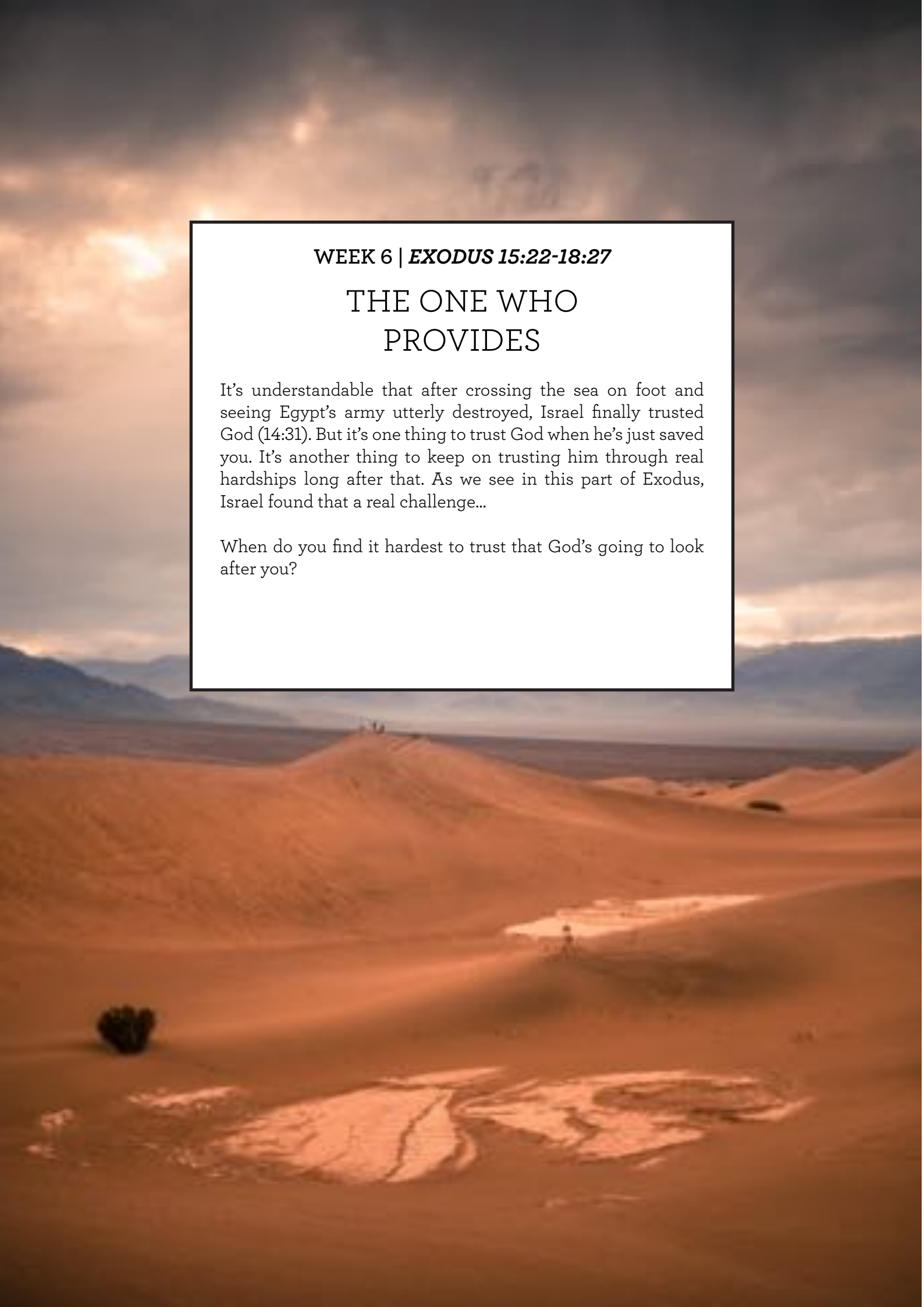


WEEK 6 | *EXODUS 15:22-18:27*

## THE ONE WHO PROVIDES

It's understandable that after crossing the sea on foot and seeing Egypt's army utterly destroyed, Israel finally trusted God (14:31). But it's one thing to trust God when he's just saved you. It's another thing to keep on trusting him through real hardships long after that. As we see in this part of Exodus, Israel found that a real challenge..

When do you find it hardest to trust that God's going to look after you?



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## KNOWING GOD FROM EXODUS

Read Exodus 15:22-17:7

1. List all the reasons the Israelites worry:  
  
15:24  
  
16:3  
  
17:2  
  
17:7
2. Given what they've seen God do for them in Exodus 1-15, how reasonable are these worries?
3. When God did provide the food they needed, he only let them gather enough for each day (16:4-5). Why do you think that was?
4. Why do you think the people kept disobeying and gathering more (16:19-20, 27-29)?
5. God provided food and water when needed. But that's not all. In the rest of chapter 17 God rescues them when they're attacked. In chapter 18 Moses can't lead the people on his own so God provides elders to help him. So what do we learn about God's character from all this taken together?

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## KNOWING GOD IN JESUS

This section of Israel's journey with God reveals something striking about him. He always provides his people with whatever they need, even when it looks like he won't. But he only gives what's needed, not what's wanted, so they'll keep on trusting him, not their stockpile of stuff.

Of course, Jesus Christ is the full revelation of God. So we shouldn't be surprised that we see the same thing in Jesus. What might be surprising is *how* he provides for his followers...

