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Exodus 15:22-26 (NLT)

²² "Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water.

²³ When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means "bitter"). ²⁴ Then the people complained and turned against Moses. "What are we going to drink?" they demanded. ²⁵ So Moses cried out to the LORD for help, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink. It was there at Marah that the LORD set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to Him. ²⁶ He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, obeying His commands and keeping all His decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the LORD who heals you."

F Jehovah Rapha - The Lord Who Heals
"We believe in the biblical doctrine of <u>divine</u> healing and urge our people to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. We also believe God heals through the means of <u>medical</u> science." (Church of the Nazarene Manual - Section 14)
Psalm 103:3 (NLT)
"He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases."
Matthew 26:39 (NLT) "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want will to be done, not mine"
Psalm 34:18 (NLT) "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."
2 Corinthians 12:8 & 9 (NLT) 8 "Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time He said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me."