

## Mud Puddles

*In the beginning of this minchah, Shedeur was sharing what it was like going through the rainstorm last night in the teepee. There were some rough circumstances that caused him to cry out to our Master, and he obviously came out of it strengthened and encouraged.*

*“Into each life some rain must fall,” goes an old saying. We must go through certain suffering and tribulation (rainfall, storms, tornadoes, whirlwinds, volcanoes, draught, etc.) before we enter the kingdom. This is just like here on our property. You don’t know where the mud puddles are until it rains. As long as the sun is out, you don’t see it. You seem not to care. When it rains, when trouble comes — hardship, trials, suffering, circumstances — we have to mark out the mud puddles and do something about it, so that when it rains next time there won’t be any mud puddles. At night, without light, we walk into the mud puddles we did not deal with in the light.*

*Our Father shows us our mud puddles.* In old Israel He allowed them to go through tribulation to show them their mud puddles — what was in them that made them unworthy of the promised land.

Tribulation and different circumstances show us our mud puddles.

If we would have the perfect community without anybody making any mistakes, nobody having different temperaments (Eph 4:2-3), what would we do? It would be terrible.

Here we are in our nice rooms and little cabins. We might complain — we have no idea what Shedeur goes through in his teepee. I guess we all have things to go through, but we are to maintain peace through it all. We must all go through much tribulation (Acts 14:22). You’re going to be the better man, Shedeur.

You all know what a mud puddle is? Someone said that his whole life is a mud puddle. But our Father is changing us. Our Master didn’t have to deal with His own iniquities, but He went through death for our little iniquities.