

The Journey: "Into the Desert"

Exodus 13:17-18; 14:10-14

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Outline

Why Exodus

"These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age." I Corinthians 10:11

The Motifs of Wandering & Desert

"When Pharaoh finally let the people go, (That's a bit hilarious because Pharaoh did not let them go. God delivered them) God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, "If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt. (That's funny too because they did change their mind repeatedly without facing a battle) So God led them in a roundabout way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Thus, the Israelites left Egypt like an army ready for battle."

Exodus 13:17-18 (NLT)

"As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt. Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!'"

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I. God Did Not Take You into the Desert to Die!

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"Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!" I John 4:4

"The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us." John 1:14

II. Don't Get Comfortable in Your Desert.

III. God Took You into the Desert to Save You.

"What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" Exodus 14:5
What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?... It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians." Exodus 14:11-12

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The Way of the Philistines & The Roundabout Way

"There is a way that seems right to a person but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:10

"There is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

"The Lord is my shepherd, what else do I need!" Psalm 23:1