



Our Life Map

Exodus: The Way In | Part II of our Journey through Exodus

Exodus 13:17 - 15:21 | April 12th - 18th, 2015

Warm Up: We often choose what is familiar and comfortable over what is right and good. In what areas of life do you find this to be especially true? How so?

- ❖ The Israelites had just been delivered from slavery by the strong hand of the LORD (**Ex. 13:16**), were showered with great wealth from the Egyptians, and were equipped for battle (**Ex. 13:18**) as they left Egypt on their way to the Promised Land. They knew the way home... they had a map! This should have been a rather short trip but God had other plans for His people. Read **Exodus 13:17 - 14:4** aloud.
 - What were some of the reasons God chose not to bring His people directly to the Promised Land? Discuss.

- ❖ One of the great comforts we have as followers of Christ is that we have His written Word to guide and instruct us. We know where our final destination will be! (See **Romans 8:29-30**). We also know there will be times when we need to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. This is what the Israelites faced in **Exodus 14:10 - 12**. Their first reaction (note this will be played out numerous more times in Exodus) was to return to Egypt, or in reality, to slavery. Pastor George said *"we as humans are drawn to what is comfortable."*
 - Why would the Israelites want to return to Egypt? More importantly, what seems to be their first reaction when adversity strikes and where do they turn (other than God) for comfort? (If needed take some time to pray for each other based on what is drawn out from this conversation)

- ❖ When the people were overcome with dread, Moses has an incredible word of instruction. (Read **Exodus 14:13-14**). What are some of the "fears" you are currently facing? How do Moses words, or the encouragements found in **Psalms 23:4 & Psalm 34:4** personally teach you?
 - We have a God who loves us, will lead us and fight for us! In your life right now, what does it look like to have God lead?

- ❖ Walking with God requires both courage and faith. On Sunday, we were given two principles to help guide us in this pursuit 1.) We need to reject lies and choose truth and light. (John 8:12, 31-32) 2.) We need to unravel deception and choose reality. Discuss these two principles. How can these be incorporated into your life map?

Wrap Up: We know from Scripture that God has a plan for each of our lives, and that He is willing to fight for us...to be our "Warrior God." This truth is rooted in His "hesed" (loyal love in Hebrew) for us. Make a commitment as a group to hold each other accountable to follow God's plan no matter what!