

WEEK 3: THE GOOD PATH

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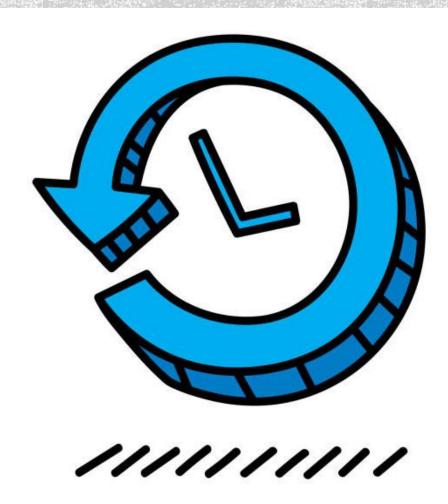
IF WE REACH THE RIGHT DESTINATION, DOES THE PATH WE TAKE TO GET THERE MATTER?

(Open Discussion)

ROADMAP THROUGH THE WILDERNESS



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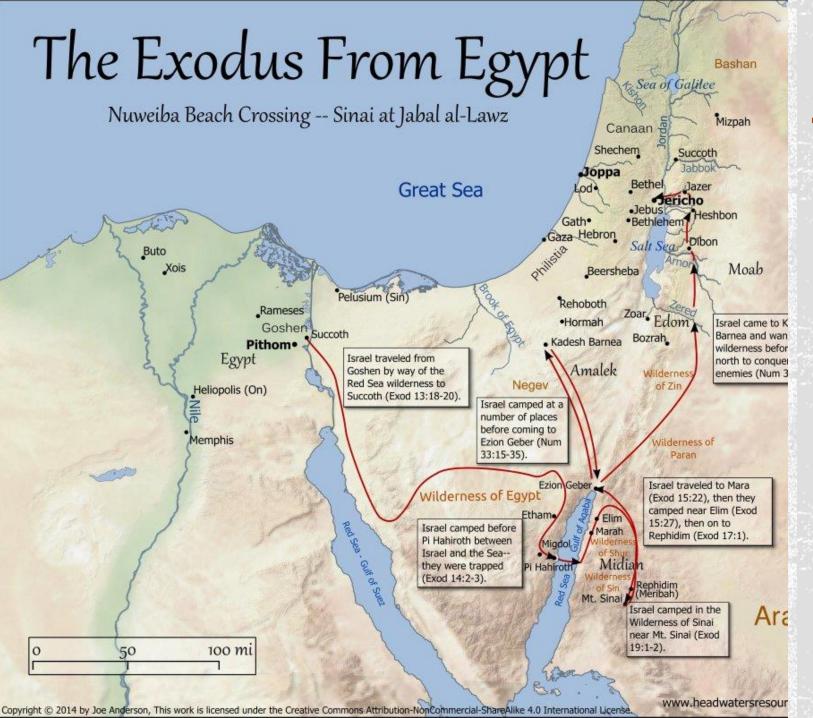




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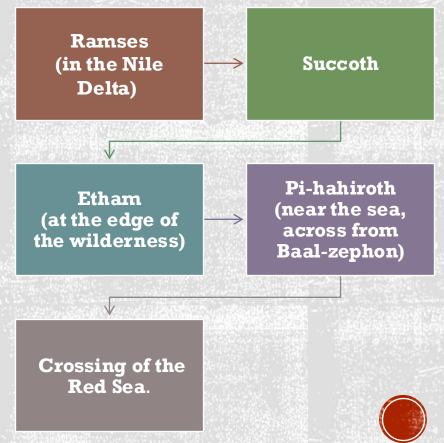






THE CROOKED PATH

- Israelites went around in the wilderness
 - o Didn't go on the shortest route
 - God told them to turn back and stop at a "dead end"



- God freed the Israelites from Egypt
- He led them into the wilderness
- He hardened Pharaoh's heart so that the Egyptian army would chase after the Israelites
- He parted the Red Sea, let the Israelites cross and then drowned the Egyptians



WHAT WAS THE POINT OF IT ALL?



1. Preparation (Exodus 14: 13-14)

"Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

2. For His glory (Exodus 14: 17-18)

"...I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain **glory** through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain **glory** through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."



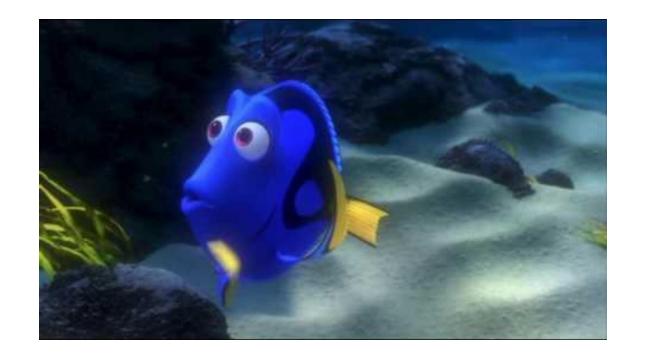
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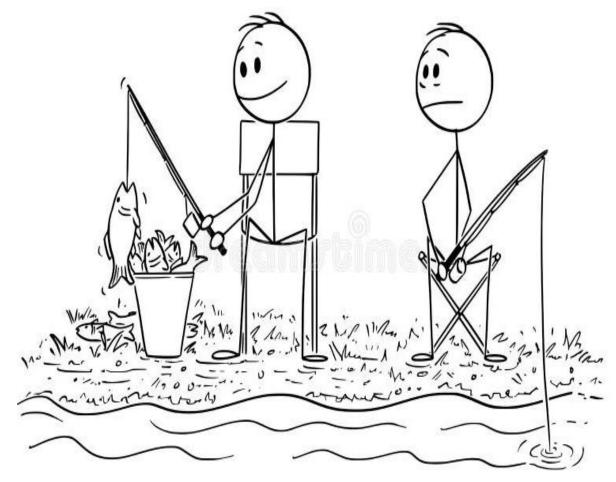
2. DON'T JUST LOOK FOR THE EASIEST PATH

God's path is not always a straight and easy path, sometimes it is crooked and filled with twist, turns and backtracks





- God's path for you is special
 - o It prepares you
 - It grows your faith
 - It helps you overcome your weaknesses
 - o It helps you grow into who God has called YOU to be







4. KEEP LOOKING TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE

You can't seek God at the beginning of your path and never check with Him again



5. DON'T GIVE UP

When the path has impossible obstacles

2

When the path doesn't look like what we imagined

3

When your people start fighting against you on the path

4

When it feels like you are all alone on the path





5. DON'T GIVE UP

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. ^[a] Because of the joy ^[b] awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; ^[c] then you won't become weary and give up." - Hebrews 12: 1-3





QUESTIONS