

Ex 13¹⁷ Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”¹⁸ So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.¹⁹ And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had placed the children of Israel under solemn oath, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here with you.”²⁰ So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness.²¹ And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.²² He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people. 14¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²“Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea. ³For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ‘They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.’ ⁴Then I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD.” And they did so. ⁵Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” ⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him. ⁷Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness. ⁹So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. ¹⁰And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? ¹²Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.” ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. ¹⁷And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” ¹⁹And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

► Our text holds two main lessons for us:

► 1) God always treats his people according to their objective identity in _____ with him, while calling them to _____ out that identity in the real world while facing

_____ and hardships. God never blesses his people without extending to them the promise of the _____, along with the command to take _____.

- Adam and Eve

Gn 1²⁷ God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion ... over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ... ³ ¹[T]he serpent ... said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’? ... ⁴ ... “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

- Jesus

Mt 3¹⁶ When He had been baptized, ... ¹⁷ ... a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” ⁴ ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil ... ⁸ [T]he devil ... showed Him all the kingdoms of the world ... ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will ... worship me.”

Heb 2¹⁰ [I]t was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect [Gr., *teleioō* – to reach the goal] through sufferings ... ⁵ ⁸ [T]hough He was a Son, ... He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected [Gr., *teleioō*], He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

- Noah

Gn 9¹ God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”

- Israel

Ex 3¹⁵ God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ... ¹⁶ ... ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; ¹⁷ and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Rm 4 ¹³ [T]he promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Dt 10 ³ [T]he LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.

- The church

Mt 28 ¹⁸ "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1Pt 1 ⁶ [Y]ou have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold ..., though it is tested by fire, may be found to [result in] praise, honor, and glory

► 2) A big part of this process is learning to overcome _____ by _____. Otherwise, we will be governed by _____ and _____ rather than faith.

2Cor 5 ⁷ We walk by faith, not by sight

- We will settle for _____ rather than sonship.

Exo 14 ¹² "Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness." ¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD"

- We will convince ourselves that God has not promised us the _____ or that he lacks the power to _____ it.

Num 14 ² "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! ... ³ Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

► Application: Overcoming sight and fear by faith requires that:

- 1) We have a great _____.

Rm 12 ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- 2) We always remember who God _____ and what he has _____.

Josh 1 ² "[A]rise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them ... ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you ... ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

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Rm 8 ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

- 3) We apply _____, but "wisdom" that denies who God is, what he has accomplished, or what he has promised is not wisdom, but _____.