

CELEBRATION NOTES

IN THE LAND OF 'IN BETWEEN'

Exodus chapter 3: 7..."the Lord said, I have indeed seen the misery of my people. I have heard them crying out because of the slave drivers and I am concerned about their suffering."

"So, I have come down to rescue them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them out of that land, (what land? Egypt) What color is Egypt? Green. And into that land, a good and spacious land, flowing with milk and honey."

Numbers 11.4-35

1. The Land Between is fertile ground for... COMPLAINTS

Numbers, chapter 11, verse 4. Moses had a mob on his hands. "The rabble then began to crave other food and again the Israelites started wailing, 'if only we had meat to eat, we remember the fish that we ate in Egypt at no cost. Also the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, the garlic, but now we have lost our appetite. We never see anything but
"What Is It?"

verse 5, "we remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost"

Verse 10. Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each of them in his tent. The Lord was exceedingly angry and Moses was troubled

Do you ever find yourself looking back and longing for what was?

2. The Land Between is fertile ground for... EMOTIONAL COLLAPSE

He asked the Lord, why have you brought this trouble upon your servant?

What have I done to displease you that you would put the burden of all these people on me? What did I do that you would punish me by making me their leader?

Verse 12....Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them? (God, did I walk into a delivery room and give birth to 2 million people?) Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms as a nurse carrying an infant to the land that you promised?"

I cannot carry these people by myself. The burden is too heavy for me."

verse 15..."If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death now!."

verse 16bring me 70 of Israel's elders who are known to you as officials and leaders from among the people. Have them come to the tent of the meeting so that I might stand there with you.

Verse 17..."I will come down and speak with you there and I will take the spirit that is on you and I will put that spirit on them. They will help you (what?) They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to (what?) carry it alone."

3. The Land Between is fertile ground for... GOD'S PROVISION

verse 23..."Is the arm of the Lord too short?"

4. The land between is fertile ground for FAITH TO GROW