

Lessons in the life of

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Faith > Fear



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DANGEROUS FAITH

Part 7

- Abraham – Genesis 15:18 → God promises land and descendants.
- Isaac & Jacob – Jacob renamed Israel (Genesis 32:28).
- Joseph – Preserves the family, Israel moves to Egypt (Genesis 46:27: “70 in all”).
- Enslavement – 430 years in Egypt (Exodus 12:40-41).

Exodus 12:13 — *“But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. **When I see the blood, I will pass over you.** This plague of death will not touch you.”* (Exodus 12:13)

Pesach = 'to pass over.' It is deliverance from judgment and identity as God's covenant people.

God quite literally resets time: Nisan becomes the first month.

God gives them a **redemptive calendar**, their identity starts with salvation, not harvest.

The first generation did not tell their sons and daughters about the miracles of Yahweh, or about the parting of the Red Sea. This is a repeated theme in various Old Testament passages.

*“Then the LORD said to Joshua, ‘**Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.**’ So that place has been called Gilgal to this day.”* (Joshua 5:9)

- **Gilgal = 'to roll away or circle.'** God deals with their shame before their battles.

1. DANGEROUS FAITH

“When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, “Are you friend or foe?” 14 “Neither one,” he replied. “I am the commander of the Lord’s army.” At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. “I am at your command,” Joshua said. “What do you want your servant to do?” 15 The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did as he was told. (Joshua 5:13-15)

“This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid! Don’t be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.” (2 Chronicles 20:15)

The Exodus



2. DANGEROUS FAITH IS _____

“Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites.

No one was allowed to go out or in.

2 But the Lord said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors.

3 You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days.

4 Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns.

5 When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.” (Joshua 6:1-5)

⇒ *The fight is spiritual (Ephesians 6:12)*

⇒ *The fight is physical (James 2:26)*

⇒ *The enemy will divide to conquer*

⇒ *We give up too soon on ourselves, on each other and on God*

3. DANGEROUS FAITH IS _____

“When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it.”

“Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.”

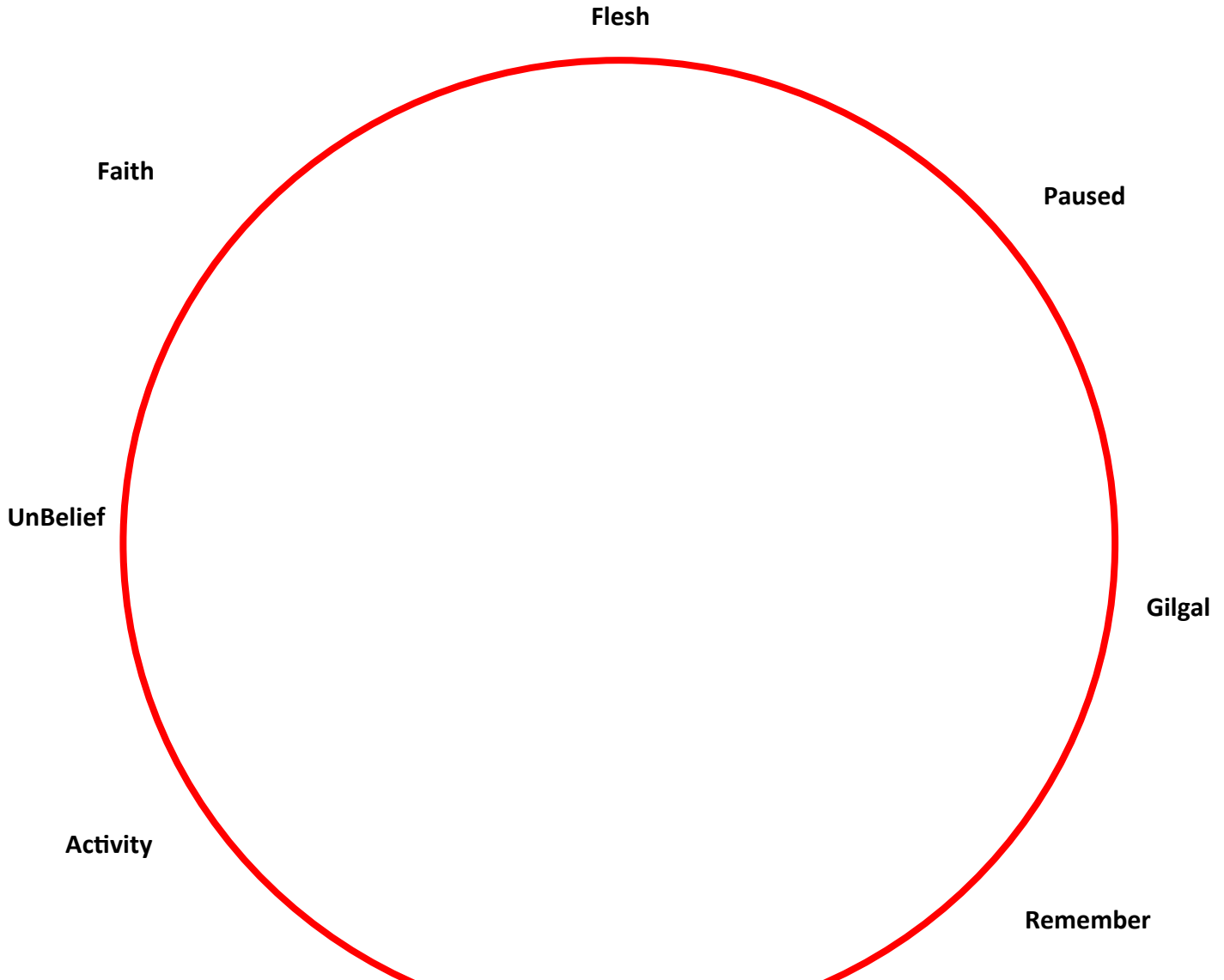
4. DANGEROUS FAITH _____

“We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future, your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean to you? These stones will stand as a permanent memorial among the people of Israel.” (Joshua 4:6-7b)

5. DANGEROUS FAITH IS DESPERATE _____

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Circle of Restoration



7 seasons that result in the Bible means “completion” . Closing the gap is the 8th and important result or outcome of these seven seasons in our lives. After 7 comes renewal. The number 8 in the Bible is significant, because it means NEW BEGINNINGS, restoration or new resurrection (new life).

THE ENEMY CALLS YOU BY YOUR SHAME; YOUR GOD CALLS YOU BY YOUR NAME