Carnal Christians "One and Done"

He Brought Us Out To Bring Us In:

""When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?' then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. <u>Then He brought us out from</u> <u>there, that He might bring us in</u>, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers." Deuteronomy 6:20-23 NKJV

But Some Wouldn't Go In:

This is why the Holy Spirit says, "If only you would listen to His voice this day! Don't make Him angry by hardening your hearts, like your ancestors did during the days of their rebellion, when they were tested in the wilderness. There your fathers tested Me and tried My patience even though they saw My miracles for forty years they still doubted Me! This ignited My anger with that generation and I said about them, 'They wander in their hearts just like they do with their feet, and they refuse to learn My ways.' My heart grieved over them so I decreed: 'They will never enter into the calming rest of my Spirit!" " So search your hearts every day, my brothers and sisters, and make sure that none of you has evil or unbelief hiding within you. For it will lead you astray, and make you unresponsive to the living God. This is the time to encourage each other to never be stubborn or hardened by sin's deceitfulness. For we are mingled with the Messiah, if we will continue unshaken in this confident assurance from the beginning until the end.

The same people who were delivered from bondage and brought out of Egypt by Moses, were the ones who heard and still rebelled. They grieved God for forty years by sinning in their unbelief, until they dropped dead in the desert. So God swore an oath that they would never enter into his calming place of rest all because they disobeyed him. It is clear that they could not enter into their inheritance because they wrapped their hearts in unbelief." Hebrews 3:7-14, 16-19 TPT

The First Step Was a Huge Success. But For Most, The Second Step Was a Total Failure.

-The people were truly free. Pharaoh, a type of the devil, held them in bondage, but he was defeated by the power of God. The blood of an innocent lamb was shed to bring about a great deliverance from death. All this was by grace, through faith.

-The wilderness was where the sins of the people were put on full display after they were delivered from Egypt.

-They were in a free position, but struggling internally with a sin condition.

-Everyone hated the wilderness and desperately wanted out, but they were afraid to face the giants. They didn't believe that the same God who brought them out could bring them in.

"Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh [and died for us], arm yourselves [like warriors] with the same purpose [being willing to suffer for doing what is right and pleasing God], because whoever has suffered in the flesh [being like-minded with Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [having stopped pleasing the world], so that he can <u>no longer</u> spend the rest of his natural life living for human appetites and desires, but [lives] for the will and purpose of God. For the time already past is [more than] enough for doing what the [unsaved] Gentiles like to do living [unrestrained as you have done] in a course of [shameless] sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and wanton idolatries. In [connection with] all this, they [the unbelievers] are resentful and surprised that you do not [think like them, value their values and] run [hand in hand] with them into the same excesses of dissipation and immoral freedom, and they criticize and abuse and ridicule you and make fun of your values. But they will [have to] give an account to Him who is ready to judge and pass sentence on the living and the dead."

1 Peter 4:1-5 AMP

-How many have a cry in your heart that says, "No longer! I want out of the wilderness! I'm ready to face the giants, and submit to God, and cross over. Here's what the Scripture says, "Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be His sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship." Romans 12:1 TPT