

# **PASSOVER TO PENTECOST - COMMUNITY 4-12- 2026**

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## **Community**

**Exodus 13:17-18**

**Exodus 14:10-12**

## **PASSOVER IS JUST THE BEGINNING**

1. Easter is Over - Now What?
2. Exodus 13 - God tells Moses He is leading the Israelites through the Southern Wilderness
3. Exodus 14 - Red Sea Crossing
4. Exodus 15 - Song of Moses, Song of Miriam
5. Exodus 15 - Bitter Water made Sweet - Marah
6. Exodus 16 - Bread from Heaven - People complain against Moses
7. Exodus 17 - Water from the Rock, Victory over Amalekites
8. Exodus 18 - Jethro's Advice - Organization within the Community

9. Exodus 19 - Israel at Mount Sinai - Pentecost
10. Our walk with Christ is a Journey that will take a Lifetime
11. We are on an Journey at LFC - Lakeside Family Church
  - a. 2025 - Year of Change
  - b. 2026 - Year of Rebuilding
  - c. 2027 - Year of Harvest
  - d. 2028 - Year of Discipleship / Outreach

## **GOD HAD TO FORM A COMMUNITY**

1. Community definition - A COMMUNITY is a group of people living in the same locality, sharing common interests, characteristics, or goals, such as a neighborhood, ethnic group or online group. It implies a sense of fellowship, shared identity, and often, common ownership or interaction.
  - a. We live in Communities
  - b. Our Church is Community - Common interests... Common goals...
2. Communities are made up of people with diverse backgrounds...
  - a. Different ethnicities
  - b. Different Social Standings
  - c. Different Talents
  - d. Different Likes / Dislikes
  - e. etc
3. Before God could take the Israelites to the Mountain, He had to form a Community
  - a. The Israelites had been in bondage for generations
  - b. Someone told them what job they would be doing and when they would do it
  - c. Someone told them where they could live and boundaries were set
  - d. Someone told them what they could keep to eat
  - e. Their lives had been controlled for generations - they were slaves
4. God knew they could not handle the freedom and blessings of Canaan unless they pulled together as a COMMUNITY
5. Jesus did the same thing with the Disciples - He spent 40 days bringing them back into a COMMUNITY of Believers

6. Our lives prior to Jesus is a life of slavery...
  - a. Slave to Sin
  - b. Slave to Addictions
  - c. etc
7. Before we can be effective as a Body of Believers (Church), God has to form a COMMUNITY of Believers.
  - a. Again, different likes / dislikes
  - b. Different stages in their walk with Christ
  - c. But, One Common Goal has to be sought after
8. The Church is not a Country Club for Saints, but a Hospital for Sinners
  - a. Our mission is to Preach and Teach Jesus
  - b. Baptize
  - c. Make Disciples
  - d. Everything we do has to "Be About our Father's Business"

## **OPPOSITION AWAITS THE COMMUNITY**

1. In Exodus 13:18, GOD lead the people through the Wilderness to the Red Sea
2. The Opposition they would encounter was not because they did something wrong, but rather because was Bringing them together as a Community
3. Red Sea in Front - Egyptians closing in
4. The Israelites response - Come against the Leader and begin to murmur, complain, gossip, fight amongst themselves and talk about the "GOOD OLE DAYS"
  - a. Can I remind you, the "GOOD OLE DAYS" were days of bondage
  - b. In just a few days, they had already forgotten what God did for them at Passover
  - c. How easily we forget what God has done and what He is doing...

## **OPPOSITION WILL EITHER BRING THE COMMUNITY CLOSER OF BRING DIVISION**

1. Opposition has the ability to bring a Community Together
  - a. Storms

- b. Catastrophes
- c. Example: little girl lost in corn field - Lincoln IL
- 2. Opposition will also Bring Division
  - a. ex. Recent election in Norman, Turnpike, etc
  - 3, The Church will move forward with or without you
- 3. God had a plan and God had a man - Moses
- 4. Not everyone is going to complete the journey to the Promised Land
- 5. Not everyone is going to go up the mountain
- 6. But, God's plan will GO FORWARD!