

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning 1-16-22
Christianity 102 – Message 23 Part 6
New Life and a New Journey in Discipleship

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) Transforming principle from Ephesians 4:17-24
 - 2) God's strategy for victory included 3 things –
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) The New Life and New Journey continues – bottom line is it never stops.
 - 2) That is great but also challenging news.
 - 3) Discipleship is in session at Mount Sinai
2. God directed the Israelites to Mount Sinai: Exodus 19:1-2
 - a. The Amalekites have been defeated: Jehovah Nissi – The Lord is our Banner.
 - 1) The fearful were provided courage, the weak given strength –
 - b. Next stop is Mount Sinai: **Johnnie – Two pictures here**
 - 1) The Israelites would be here for 11 months.
 - 2) This is where it started for Moses. Exodus 3:12
 - c. Application – God is Faithful
 - 1) Moses could look back and see God's faithfulness.
 - 2) When you look back at your life, what do you see?
3. The Lord planned to make a Covenant with the Israelites: Exodus 19:3-6
 - a. A covenant with Israel: Verse 5
 - b. Israel is FREE, but what would they do with this Freedom?
 - 1) If this new freedom doesn't lead you to maturity, then you can end up living like you are imprisoned in a bondage that is worse than before.
 - c. Picture of Freedom: Verse 4
 - 1) Israel – "You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles wings..."
 - 2) Eagle imagery –
 - a) True freedom – delivered from the power of sin, walking in the Spirit thus accomplishing God's will and purpose for your life.
 - 3) God has redeemed you so that you can have "Freedom In" and also "Freedom To" –
 - 4) George Morrison – "It took one night to take Israel out of Egypt, but it took 40 years to get Egypt out of Israel."
 - d. Application of freedom:
 - 1) For some, getting out of that nest of immaturity involves confronting the immaturity that still exists in your life: For some...
 - a) It is a confidence issue – your faith has not matured.
 - b) It is an issue of unforgiveness –
 - c) It is an issue of indifference –
4. God is setting Israel apart: Exodus 19:5-6
 - a. We know thus far:
 - b. Israel a Peculiar Treasure: Verse 5-6
 - 1) Romans 9:4-5 Amplified Bible –
 - c. Israel, a kingdom of Priests: Verse 6

1) It was God's heart that Israel would live as priests in that they would walk in truth, that they would show forth the truth of God and make Him known through their lives.

2) I Peter 2:9 Amplified Bible –

d. Israel, a Holy Nation: Verse 6

1) I Peter 1:15-16 Amplified –

5. Today's Take Away:

a. Where does God find you this morning? Is there an area of immaturity in your life that God has identified that you need to confront and deal with?

b. God has given to each of us a sphere of influence in the lives of others. How are you using this influence that God has given you for His glory?