

# REMEMBER THE STAGES FATHER'S DAY

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**Numbers 33:1-2** Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. <sup>2</sup> At the LORD'S command Moses recorded the stages in their journey. This is their journey by stages:

## I. EIGHT STAGES TO REMEMBER

**Numbers 33:3-4** The Israelites set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, the day after the Passover. They marched out defiantly in full view of all the Egyptians, <sup>4</sup> who were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them; for the LORD had brought judgment on their gods.

### 1. Remember When God Set You Free and Saved You

- **Jesus can set you free.**

**Galatians 5:1** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

- **If you have been set free, don't go back to captivity.**

**Numbers 33:8** They left Pi Hahiroth and passed through the sea into the desert, and when they had traveled for three days in the Desert of Etham, they camped at Marah.

### 2. Remember When God Delivered You

**Hebrews 11:29** By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

**Psalms 102:18** Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:

- **Tell the story of what God has done for you.**

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### **3. Remember When God Removed Your Bitterness**

**Exodus 15:22-25** Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) <sup>24</sup> So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" <sup>25</sup> Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

**Deuteronomy 29:18** Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the LORD our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.

- **Turning away from God leads to bitterness.**

**Hebrews 12:15** See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

- **We must be on the look out for bitterness in our lives and families.**

**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**Ephesians 6:4 (Message)** Fathers, don't exasperate your children by coming down hard on them. Take them by the hand and lead them in the way of the Master.

- **Do your best to not cause your children to be bitter.**

**Numbers 33:9** They left Marah and went to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there.

### **4. Remember When God Gave You Rest**

- **Find places of rest and refreshing.**

**Mark 6:31 (New Living Translation)** Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

**Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**Numbers 33:14** They left Alush and camped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

## ***5. Remember When God Provided For You***

**Exodus 17:1-2** The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

**Exodus 17:3** But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

**Exodus 17:6** I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

- **When you are in need, don't give up, look up!**

**Philippians 4:19 (New Living Translation)** And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**Numbers 33:37-39** They left Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the border of Edom. <sup>38</sup> At the LORD'S command Aaron the priest went up Mount Hor, where he died on the first day of the fifth month of the fortieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. <sup>39</sup> Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

## ***6. Remember God When You Experience Loss***

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**Numbers 33:40** The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev of Canaan, heard that the Israelites were coming.

## ***7. Remember God When You Are Afraid***

**Numbers 21:1** When the Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev, heard that Israel was coming along the road to Atharim, he attacked the Israelites and captured some of them.

**Psalms 56:3-4** When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. <sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

**Numbers 33:50-51** On the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho the LORD said to Moses, <sup>51</sup> “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you cross the Jordan into Canaan,

## ***8. Remember God When You Look To The Future***

**Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.