

Intro: So many mentions of **The Exodus**. Out of Egypt on their journey to the Promised Land. Earlier in summer, "Did you mean to do that?" No. I wish I did. But God did. He knew. So here we go!

Thesis: Just like Israel, We've left Egypt on our way to The Promised Land.

I. Straight Outta Egypt

- A. **Gracious Deliverance** by His Power & Provision. From our tyrants & enemies. **Barbarians**.
- B. **They keep singing about Egypt and Exodus**. Why? This was their Gospel. REMEMBER.
- C. **Same reason we sing about Jesus's Forgiveness & Sin**. Don't forget/neglect. Grace/Salvation
- D. **"Still Living in Egypt"** Unbelievers. Enslaved to Sin & Devil. **They're "In Denial"**. :-)

APPLICATION: *"The Exodus was their Gospel, and The Gospel is our Exodus"* Keep going back to it. Keep reminding yourself of your salvation & deliverance. What He brought you out of. Slavery to sin. Addiction. Consequences. Pain. Guilt & Shame. Life change. His Grace & Power & Provision.

II. Wanderers in the Desert

- A. **Trust His ongoing Help**, Power, Provision, Grace, Guidance, etc.
- B. **There will be Hardships**, stumbling, loss, temptations, challenges, struggles, annoyances, etc.
- C. **Keep looking to His Grace & Forgiveness** (Sacrifices, Altars, Tabernacle, Etc.)
- D. **This is what Christian Walk is:** Wanderers, Sanctification, Sin, Repentance, Cross, Jesus, etc.
- E. **We're Pilgrims on our journey to the Promised Land**.
- F. **The Already & Not Yet. We Look Back & Forward**. Back to Cross, Forward to Heaven/Freedom

APPLICATION: **Don't go back to Egypt**. When things get hard, "Hopeless. Brought us here to die." "It's not going to get any better." "Meat Pots" and "Fruit & Veggies" **Don't glamorize your past life of sin & slavery & unbelief**. "Things were easier when..."

> **You will be tempted and give into the temptation of your old life**. You will look and act out. You will take that drink and lose control. You will lose your tempter and explode. You will say all those things and words you used to say and regret it. You will over indulge. You will slack off. You will binge watch. You will envy and gossip. But remember, you don't have to stay there. You're not in Egypt anymore. You're on your way to the Promised Land because you have a gracious Savior who delivered you from sin.

III. Going to the Promised Land

- A. **Through the Waters**. Sea & Rivers. Water = Chaos. Uncontrollable Power & Circumstances.
- B. God's got control. Jesus knows what He's doing. He's got it and He's got us.

ILLUSTRATION: Pool Cleaning. Out of control. A lot of work to bring it back. Water is hard to control. Stop the River. Floods. Sea (Sand Castle). You're not going to stop it. But He can. And Did.

- C. **God of Creation**. Power over all creation. Sea and Rivers and Waters and Rocks.
- D. **Jesus was God in the Flesh**. Creator made like the Creation to Redeem all of Creation.

APPLICATION: Jesus made a Way. Through the Sea. Through the Desert. Through the Jordan.

And He made a Way for us. Through our Sin. Through Repentance & Faith in Sanctification. Through life. Through death. Into eternity and our forever Home = in Heaven with Him.

CONCLUSION:

Where are you Today?

1. **In Egypt?** Still stuck in your sin & unbelief?
2. **The Desert?** Trusting Jesus on your journey to the Promised Land. Awaiting entrance into Heaven?
3. **On the Banks of the Jordan?** Ready to cross over into the next Life?