

Sermon: What is God's Plan?

Sermon Series: Pivotal Moments

Passage: Exodus 13:17-22

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1. We Can Walk By Faith Because God Provides Protection for His People

Exodus 13:17

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them along the road to the land of the Philistines, even though it was nearby; for God said, "The people will change their minds and return to Egypt if they face war."

Exodus 13:18

So he led the people around toward the Red Sea along the road of the wilderness. And the Israelites left the land of Egypt in battle formation.

2. We Can Walk By Faith Because God Keeps His Promises

Exodus 13:19

Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, because Joseph had made the Israelites swear a solemn oath, saying, "God will certainly come to your aid; then you must take my bones with you from this place."

Genesis 15:18-21

"from the Brook of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River: to the land of the Kenites, kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hethites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites."

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eyes on you.

Psalms 37:23-24

The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Matthew 11:28-29

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Exodus 14:14

The Lord will fight for you, and you must be quiet.

How to Study and Apply the Bible:

One Time (Context): What did this passage mean to the original audience?

All Time (Biblical Truth): What is the all time truth that is for all humanity?

My Time (Personal Response): What is my response to this truth?

3. We Can Walk By Faith Because God's Presence is with His People

Exodus 13:20

They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

Exodus 13:21

The Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way during the day and in a pillar of fire to give them light at night, so that they could travel day or night.

Exodus 13:22

The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never left its place in front of the people.

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