

Philadelphia Church

The Next Right Step
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1 Timothy 6:12

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Peter 5:10

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Egypt

In the old testament symbolizes
captivity and oppression

What does God want us to step out of?

1. Grudges
2. Pride
3. Control
4. Insecurity
5. Deception
6. The past
7. Toxicity
8. Addiction
9. Perfectionism
10. Fear
11. Irrationality
12. Comfort zone

Exodus 14:5-15

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸ The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. ¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD.

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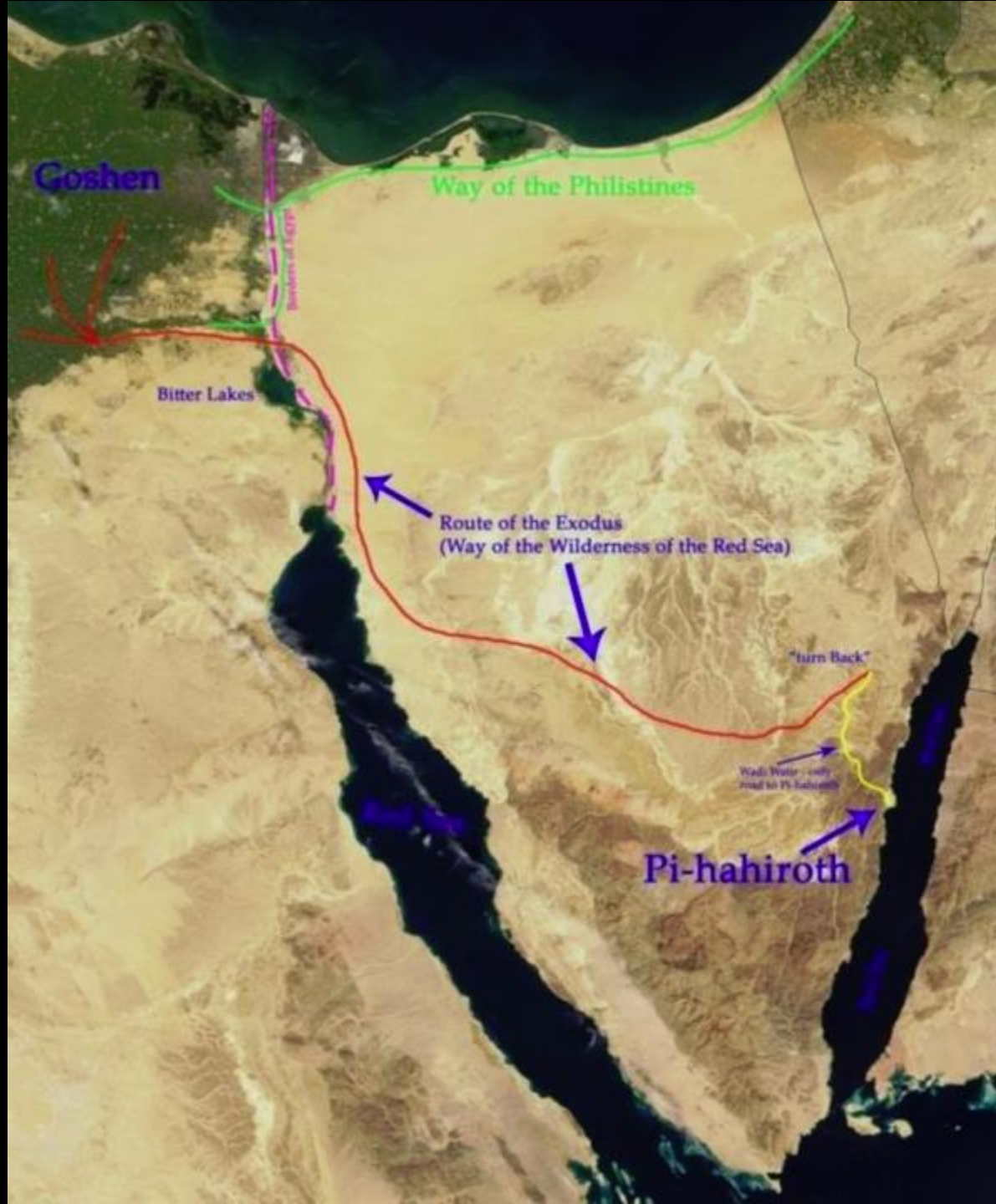
¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”¹³ Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

Moses' advice:

1. Don't be afraid
2. Stand firm
3. Keep still

Exodus 14:15-18

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”



Goshen

Way of the Philistines

Bitter Lakes

Route of the Exodus
(Way of the Wilderness of the Red Sea)

"turn Back"

Wadi Water - only
road to Pi-hahiroth

Pi-hahiroth

Truth

When what is in front of us is unclear and uncertain... It is natural for people to long for the familiar... even if the familiar isn't really that great.