

Leaving Egypt
The Idol of Comfort | Numbers 14:1-10
Pastor Paul Bauman

The Conclusion

- ❖ Anything they have experienced up to this point will be far better than entering the promised land.
 - a) We don't trust God to protect and care for us. (vs. 3a)
 - b) We value the familiar more than freedom. (vs. 3b)
 - c) We want a leader who will prioritize our desires above the purpose of God. (vs. 4-5)

The Reason

- ❖ The people of God were worshipping the idol of personal comfort.

Certainty – *"I will trust you if I know where you are taking me and there are never any unanswered questions."*

Security – *"I will trust you if I feel safe and secure in my circumstances."*

Control – *"I will trust you if you lead me in a way that I desire."*

An Alternative Value System

- ❖ Trust what God says is true and obey Him.

Final Thoughts

- The pursuit of personal comfort is a life of loss and misery.
- What we say matters to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 21, 2024

The Annual Meeting is at 4pm this afternoon. We hope you can join us! The proposed changes to Hillcrest's constitution and bylaws and the annual report are available on the table next to the Welcome desk. You can also view them digitally at hillcrestefc.org/annualreport and hillcrestefc.org/bylaws.



The Gathering Table: Are you looking for ways to get to know other women in the church? The Gathering Table is a great way to meet new people. Enjoy a fun and casual gathering filled with intentional conversation starters designed to help you deepen your relationship with the Creator and the women around you. Sign up in the foyer or scan the QR code to sign up online. Sign up ends at 12 PM tomorrow!

College Dinner Schedule: Between the winter weather and schedule conflicts we've had to cancel College Dinner for the month of January. BUT! Ben and Leigh are excited to have you to their home (1524 N. 2nd St.) for dinner on Sunday, February 11th! Text [@hefcdinner](https://twitter.com/hefcdinner) to 81010 to sign up for reminders.

Giving Statements for 2023 were emailed this past week. If you did not have an email on file or you previously requested to have your statement mailed, you will receive a paper statement in the next few days. If you do not receive your statement, please call or text the church office (402) 643-2316 to update your contact information. Thank you!

Baptism Service: Sunday, March 24th in both services. If interested, please contact one of the pastors.

Baptism Class: Sunday, February 18th at 9:45 AM - This class is for individuals who have been considering baptism or have questions about it. If you want to participate in the class, please connect with Pastor Paul via text, email, or in person. Text - (308) 991-5730 / Email - pastorpaul@hillcrestefc.org

Ways to Give: Offering collection boxes are located by the sanctuary doors. You can also give online at hillcrestefc.org/give or on the Hillcrest Church app.