

# The Long Way Home

Exodus 13:17-14-29

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## Introduction

The Exodus is the \_\_\_\_\_ moment in Israel's history. The departure from Egypt marks the beginning of the process for Israel to become a \_\_\_\_\_

In the Exodus we learn some important things about the character and nature of God. God is Israel's...

- Strength -- they were in no position to defend themselves
- Guide -- they had no idea where they were going
- Comforter -- God was always visible
- Protector -- When the Egyptians caught up to Israel, God moved to be the rear guard
- Deliverer -- In an unexpected and unforeseeable move, God parted the water
- Avenger -- Egypt drowned in the sea for drowning Israel's children in the river

## Main Points: Lessons to learn about following God

1. Sometimes you have to take the road less \_\_\_\_\_; God doesn't always take us down the easy path but for our own good
  - Matthew 7.13-14
2. When things seem down, \_\_\_\_\_; God was always out in front until it came time to defend them
  - Psalm 23.4
3. Vanity is \_\_\_\_\_; Pharaoh was enticed to save face
  - 1Peter 5.5

4. Don't return to your \_\_\_\_\_: We know what we like and we like what we know - when faced with challenges people revert to their old ways
  - a. Proverbs 26.11
5. It's on a need to \_\_\_\_\_ basis: The solution was beyond reason or imagination
  - a. Isaiah 55.8-9
6. Don't bet \_\_\_\_\_ God: Nothing is impossible with God
  - a. Matthew 19.26
7. Count your \_\_\_\_\_: gratitude and worship are great defenses against discontent and faintheartedness
  - a. Colossians 3.15-17

## Conclusion

The exodus is the paradigm of salvation

- \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel / bondage to sin
  - Crisis intervention: the plagues / the incarnation
- Deliverance through \_\_\_\_\_ unforeseeable means
  - The parting of the Red Sea / the Cross
- Requires \_\_\_\_\_ to accept
  - To walk through the water / to believe in the resurrection
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ yet
  - Israel wanders in the desert / we have to live on earth
- Promise \_\_\_\_\_
  - Israel enters the Promised Land / Believers pass from this life into the next