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PART TWO - LESSONS FROM THE EXODUS

LESSON 5: LEARN TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Exodus 2:23-25

During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

In Egypt, the Israelites spent 400 years in slavery. They cried out to God, and He answered their prayers.

LESSON 6: LEARN TO ACCEPT GOD'S WAYS

Exodus 13:17-18

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt, He used "the road less traveled."

LESSON 7: LEARN TO FOLLOW GOD

Exodus 13:21-22

In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

In *Their* Wilderness, God taught the Israelites to follow Him.

LESSON 8: LEARN TO TAKE RISK

Exodus 14:21-22

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

At the Red Sea, God parted the water, but the Israelites had to step out in faith.



LESSON 9: LEARN TO PUT THE PAST BEHIND YOU

Exodus 14:27-28

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, God wiped out the people who enslaved them.

LESSON 10: LEARN TO TRUST GOD

Exodus 14:31

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

In *Their* Wilderness, the Israelites learned to fear and trust God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Which lesson did you relate to the most ... and why?
- 2. What have you been praying (without ceasing) for?
- 3. Has God been leading you on "the road less traveled?"
- 4. Where has God been "parting the waters" in your life?
- 5. Are there any areas of your life where you are in bondage?
- 6. Which of God's promises are you trusting Him for today?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES: