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Believe in the Journey – Your Exodus into the promised land

Price of Disobedience – Exodus 33:5
"For the Lord had said to Moses, Say to the children of Israel,
You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore take off your ornaments that I may know what to do to you."

Price of Obedience - Deuteronomy 11:11
"But the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks in the rain from heaven."

1. **God's leading out of Egypt is one of grace, compassion and mercy (Exodus 13.17-20)**

The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God will not protect you: "17 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." 18 So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.[a] The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

God doesn't not leave you - "God went ahead and protected Israel from behind throughout their wilderness period".

21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people." (Exodus 13.20-22)

2. Israel's Exodus from Egypt and Entry into Canaan



1. **Rameses** Israel was thrust out of Egypt (Ex. 12; Num. 33:5).
2. **Succoth** After the Hebrews left this first campsite, the Lord attended them in a cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night (Ex. 13:20–22).
3. **Pi-hahiroth** Israel passed through the Red Sea (Ex. 14; Num. 33:8).
4. **Marah** The Lord healed the waters of Marah (Ex. 15:23–26).
5. **Elim** Israel camped by 12 springs (Ex. 15:27).
6. **Wilderness of Sin** The Lord sent manna and quail to feed Israel (Ex. 16).
7. **Rephidim** Israel fought with Amalek (Ex. 17:8–16).
8. **Mount Sinai (Mount Horeb or Jebel Musa)** The Lord revealed the Ten Commandments (Ex. 19–20).
9. **Sinai Wilderness** Israel constructed the tabernacle (Ex. 25–30).
10. **Wilderness Camps** Seventy elders were called to help Moses govern the people (Num. 11:16–17).
11. **Ezion-geber** Israel passed through the lands of Esau and Ammon in peace (Deut. 2).
12. **Kadesh-barnea** Moses sent spies into the promised land; Israel rebelled and failed to enter the land; Kadesh served as the main camp of Israel for many years (Num. 13:1–3, 17–33; 14; 32:8; Deut. 2:14).
13. **Eastern Wilderness** Israel avoided conflict with Edom and Moab (Num. 20:14–21; 22–24).
14. **Arnon River** Israel destroyed the Amorites who fought against them (Deut. 2:24–37).
15. **Mount Nebo** Moses viewed the promised land (Deut. 34:1–4). Moses delivered his last three sermons (Deut. 1–32).
16. **Plains of Moab** The Lord told Israel to divide the land and dispossess the inhabitants (Num. 33:50–56).

17. **Jordan River** Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground. Near Gilgal, stones from the bottom of the Jordan River were placed as a monument of Jordan's waters being divided (Josh. 3:1–5:1).
18. **Jericho** The children of Israel captured and destroyed the city (Josh. 6).
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2. The heart of Israel nation in the wilderness (Hebrews 3.7-11)

Hebrews Warning Against Unbelief

7 So, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested and tried me,
though for forty years they saw what I did.
10 That is why I was angry with that generation;
I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,
and they have not known my ways.'
11 So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.'

"Rest" Promises of God fulfilled in your life! Will of God for your life

3. Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers (Hebrews 3.16-19)

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief."

a. Disobedience – Deuteronomy 1. Unbelief causes them to perish in the wilderness.

37 Because of you the LORD became angry with me also and said, "You shall not enter it, either. 38 But your assistant, Joshua's son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him because he will lead Israel to inherit it. 39 And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them, and they will take possession of it. 40 But as for you, turn around and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea.[a]"

b. Rebellious Nature of Israel – Moses gives account of Israel's journey.

Then you told me "We have sinned against the LORD. We will go up and fight, as the LORD our God commanded us." So, every one of you put on his weapons, thinking it easy to go up into the hill country. 42 But the LORD said to me, "Tell them, 'Do not go up and fight, because I will not be with you. You will be defeated by your enemies.'"

43 So I told you, but you would not listen. You rebelled against the LORD's command and in your arrogance, you marched up into the hill country. 44 The Amorites who lived in those hills came out against you; they chased you like a swarm of bees and beat you down from Seir all the way to

Hormah. 45 You came back and wept before the LORD, but he paid no attention to your weeping and turned a deaf ear to you. 46 And so you stayed in Kadesh many days—all the time you spent there.

c. Wanderings in the Wilderness – 38 years from the time they left.

2 Then we turned back and set out toward the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea,[a] as the LORD had directed me. For a long time, we made our way around the hill country of Seir.

14 Thirty-eight years passed from the time we left Kadesh Barnea until we crossed the Zered Valley. By then, that entire generation of fighting men had perished from the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them. 15 The LORD's hand was against them until he had eliminated them from the camp.

16 Now when the last of these fighting men among the people had died, 17 the LORD said to me, 18 "Today you are to pass by the region of Moab at Ar. 19 When you come to the Ammonites, do not harass them, or provoke them to war, for I will not give you possession of any land belonging to the Ammonites. I have given it as a possession to the descendants of Lot."

d. Aaron and Miriam speak against Moses (Dishonor)

12 Then Miriam and Aaron [a]spoke against Moses because of the [b]Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman. 2 So they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard *it.* 3 (Now the man Moses *was* very humble, more than all men who *were* on the face of the earth.)
4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So, the three came out. 5 Then the LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood *in* the door of the tabernacle and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward. 6 Then He said,
"Hear now My words:
If there is a prophet among you,
I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision;
I speak to him in a dream.
7 Not so with My servant Moses;
He *is* faithful in all My house.
8 I speak with him face to face,
Even plainly,[c] and not in [d]dark sayings;
And he sees the form of the LORD.
Why then were you not afraid
To speak against My servant Moses?"
So, the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed.

4. Faith in Yahweh by Foreign people - Rahab family and the Gibeonite nation

The Gibeonite Deception because they believed in the journey of the Israel nation (Joshua 9)

Now when all the kings west of the Jordan heard about these things—the kings in the hill country, in the western foothills, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea as far as Lebanon (the kings of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites)— 2 they came together to wage war against Joshua and Israel.

3 However, when the people of Gibeon heard, what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they resorted.

22 Then Joshua summoned the Gibeonites and said, “Why did you deceive us by saying, ‘We live a
long way from you,’ while you live near us? 23 You are now under a curse: You will never be released
from service as woodcutters and water carriers for the house of my God.”

24 They answered Joshua, “Your servants were clearly told how the LORD your God had commanded
his servant Moses to give you the whole land and to wipe out all its inhabitants from before you. So,
we feared for our lives because of you, and that is why we did this. 25 We are now in your hands. Do
to us whatever seems good and right to you.”

26 So Joshua saved them from the Israelites, and they did not kill them. 27 That day he made the
Gibeonites woodcutters and water carriers for the assembly, to provide for the needs of the altar of
the LORD at the place the LORD would choose. And that is what they are to this day.

Rahab Hides the Spies – Personal belief in God’s work over Israel Nation (Joshua 2)

Joshua 2.8-22 “Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, 9 and said to the men: “I
know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the
inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up
the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of
the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you destroyed. 11 And
as soon as we heard *these things,* our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in
anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He *is* God in heaven above and on earth
beneath. 12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that
you also will show kindness to my father’s house, and give me [c]a true token, 13 and spare my father,
my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

14 So the men answered her, “Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall
be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you.” 15 Then she let
them down by a rope through the window, for her house *was* on the city wall; she dwelt on the
wall. 16 And she said to them, “Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there, three
days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way.”

Rahab’s Faith- Deuteronomy 6.22
22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, “Go into the harlot’s house,
and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.” 23 And the young men
who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that
she had. So, they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. 24 But they
burned the city and all that *was* in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and
iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her
father’s household, and all that she had. So, she dwells in Israel to this day because she hid the
messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

Hebrews 11.31 “By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with
those who were disobedient.”

Mark 9.23- “If you can believe all things are possible to them that believe.”