



Redemption

How Jesus Frees Us

Sunday, June 23, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 12: The Long Way

Exodus 13:17-22

God's way is often **THE LONG WAY**, (v. 17-18, 20)

It's usually not hard to find...

2 Timothy 3:16-17 Psalm 119:105-106 James 1:5 Matthew 6:33 Micah 6:8

...but it's harder and longer than we would choose

Proverbs 3:5-6 Isaiah 55:8 2 Peter 3:8-9

but he has **PURPOSE** in it, (v. 17b, 19)

Psalm 23:3 Psalm 25:4-5 Romans 8:18 Romans 8:28-31

and he is **ALWAYS WITH US!** (v. 20-22)

Matthew 28:20 Psalm 119:105 Joshua 1:9 Isaiah 41:10 Zephaniah 3:17



1:10 groups

HOMework

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

- Getting to Know You:** *This week we heard the “long way” is sometimes definitely the better way to go, even though it may not make sense. Do you have any illustrations in your own life of this happening?*
- Read Exodus 13:17-22.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

- Our access to Scripture within our culture is amazing when you consider that we can access it almost instantly anywhere due to the Internet. Yet “access” doesn’t always equal “accuracy” as verses can easily be taken out of context. One of the best ways to guarantee that we are properly interpreting any verse or passage is to compare it with the rest of the Bible. Read the verses below and answer the question in each column.

What does the passage say?

See the Fuller Context:

Philippians 4:13 — I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

See **Philippians 4:10-12**

Matthew 7:1 — Judge not, that you be not judged.

See **Mathew 7:2-6**

Joshua 1:8 — This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

See **Hebrews 11:32-40**

- There’s nothing wrong with considering and taking the short road. In fact, in many cases it is the best decision. But the long road should be considered as it may be far and above the better decision. Peter, one of the twelve disciples, encountered a number of situations where he needed to consider either the short path or the long path. As you read the passages below, jot down what Peter’s short path or “long way” options were and any other similarities you see from the Israelites’ situation we studied this week.

Mark 8:31-33

John 18:1-13

Acts 4:3-13

- What might be some examples of short cuts versus long roads we need to consider when it comes to... Our relationships? Dealing with conflict? How we work? Time with God? Other?
- The enemy wants us to keep thinking following God is complicated. How do the following verses keep it simple for all of those who say they are followers of Jesus?

Matthew 22:34-49

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

2 Peter 1:3-5

- Which of these verses is most helpful to you when it comes to keeping it simple?
- Is there anything from this week’s sermon or study that you need to remember or apply?

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of The Sanctuary Church in Syracuse, and Pastor Craig Fritchley.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Exodus 13:17-22 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

¹⁷ When **Pharaoh** let the **people** go, God did not **lead** them by way of the **land** of the **Philistines, although** that was near. For God **said, "Lest the people change their minds** when they see war and **return to Egypt."** ¹⁸ But God led the **people around** by the way of the wilderness **toward** the Red Sea. And the **people of Israel went** up out of the **land of**

Egypt equipped for battle. ¹⁹ Moses

took the **bones** of **Joseph** with him,

for **Joseph** had made the sons of

Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God

will surely visit you, and you shall

carry up my **bones** with you from

here." ²⁰ And they moved on from

Succoth and encamped at Etham, on

the edge of the wilderness. ²¹ And

the LORD **went** before them by day

in a **pillar of cloud** to **lead** them

along the way, and by **night** in a

pillar of fire to give them light, that

they might travel by day and by

night. ²² The **pillar of cloud** by day

and the **pillar of fire** by **night** did

not depart from before the **people.**

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