

(Exodus 13:1-22)
“Moving Forward”

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- As we continue studying thru the OT...
 - Last time our study focused on...
 - The Reason For My Hope.
 - New Beginnings
 - Redemption
 - & Promises Kept by God

TONIGHT...

- We see the Next Steps God gives the Children of Israel...
 - And how these steps inspire faith in us today.

CHURCH...

- God's word is NOT given to us to confuse us...
 - But it does separate the followers from the fakes.

FOR EXAMPLE...

- (Matt. 13:10-16) NKJV

HERE'S A FEW THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW...

IDEA #1 – LEARNING TO DO GOD'S WILL

NOW...

- God speaks to Moses about how to lead His people – The Israelites.
 - And He tells Moses to relay this message:
 - **Consecrate** = Dedicate formally for a divine purpose.

IN OTHER WORDS...

- Moses, tells the people their obedience to God looks like this...
 - It's a life of faith where your home (children)...
 - And your work (animals)...
 - Are dedicated to God & for God purposes.

VERY INTERESTING...

- When it comes to a life of faith...
 - God is not asking for super skills...
 - But simple obedience (trust)!

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- He wants us to trust Him.

(Rom. 12:1-2) NLT

IDEA #2 – KEEPING TRUTH FRESH

OK...

- This next section carries practical directions...
 - To help preserve the people’s memory on how God helped them.

THE SKINNY FILE:

- 1) Remember the deliverance (v.3)
- 2) Remember the promises (v.5)
- 3) Keep this custom (vv.6-7)
- 4) Tell your kids about what God has done (v.8)
- 5) Let it impact your actions & your thoughts & your words (v.9)
- 6) Remember this moment every year at the same time (v.10)

NOW LET’S APPLY IT...

- God tells them remember how I saved you from bondage (a.k.a. slavery).

I did an **AI Search** on the phrase “*slave to sin*”...

The phrase “slave to sin” is a metaphor that suggests someone is controlled by their negative impulses or desires. The Bible teaches that everyone is either a slave to sin or a slave to Christ. [And] Through Christ, people can be set free from sin and become slaves to righteousness.

TWO TRUTHS:

- 1) (John 8:34) NLT
 - If you’re living a sinful life, you’re still a slave to Satan.
- 2) (Rom. 6:6-22) NLT
 - You’re free in Christ, so don’t be controlled by sin!

You want to be active for Christ... not antagonistic to Christ.

IDEA #3 – DEEPER DISCUSSION

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THESE VERSES...

- Repeat the truths from above...
 - As a second reminder for what God is requiring of them.

IDEA #4 – GAINING STRENGTH

(v.17) Desert testing to get battle ready...

- Long route to discover miracle moments...
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(v.18) Learning how to follow in the church.

- God has a place for you, but there are things to learn:
 - a) Lessons of faith.
 - b) Lessons of submission.
 - c) Lessons of war
 - The Christian life is a battleground not a playground!
 - This is a hard truth for many to grasp.

(Heb 13:7 & 17) NLT

(vv.20-22)

- God's presence with His people...
 - a) The Holy Spirit
 - (Heb. 13:5-b) NLT
 - b) Living Word
 - (John 1:14) NKJV
 - c) Fellowship of the Saints
 - (Matt. 18:20) NLT

~ IN CLOSING ~

MAY WE APPROPRIATE THESE TRUTHS...

- Into our Christian walk...
 - And become stronger in the purposes of God.