

The Road To Freedom
Exodus 13:17-18; 14:10-31

“What would it look like for you to become truly free? What would it feel like to be more-free?”

“no right no wrong no rules for me, I’m free.”

Elsa, Frozen

(v.13) Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.

“If the son sets you free you’re free indeed.”

- *Jesus*

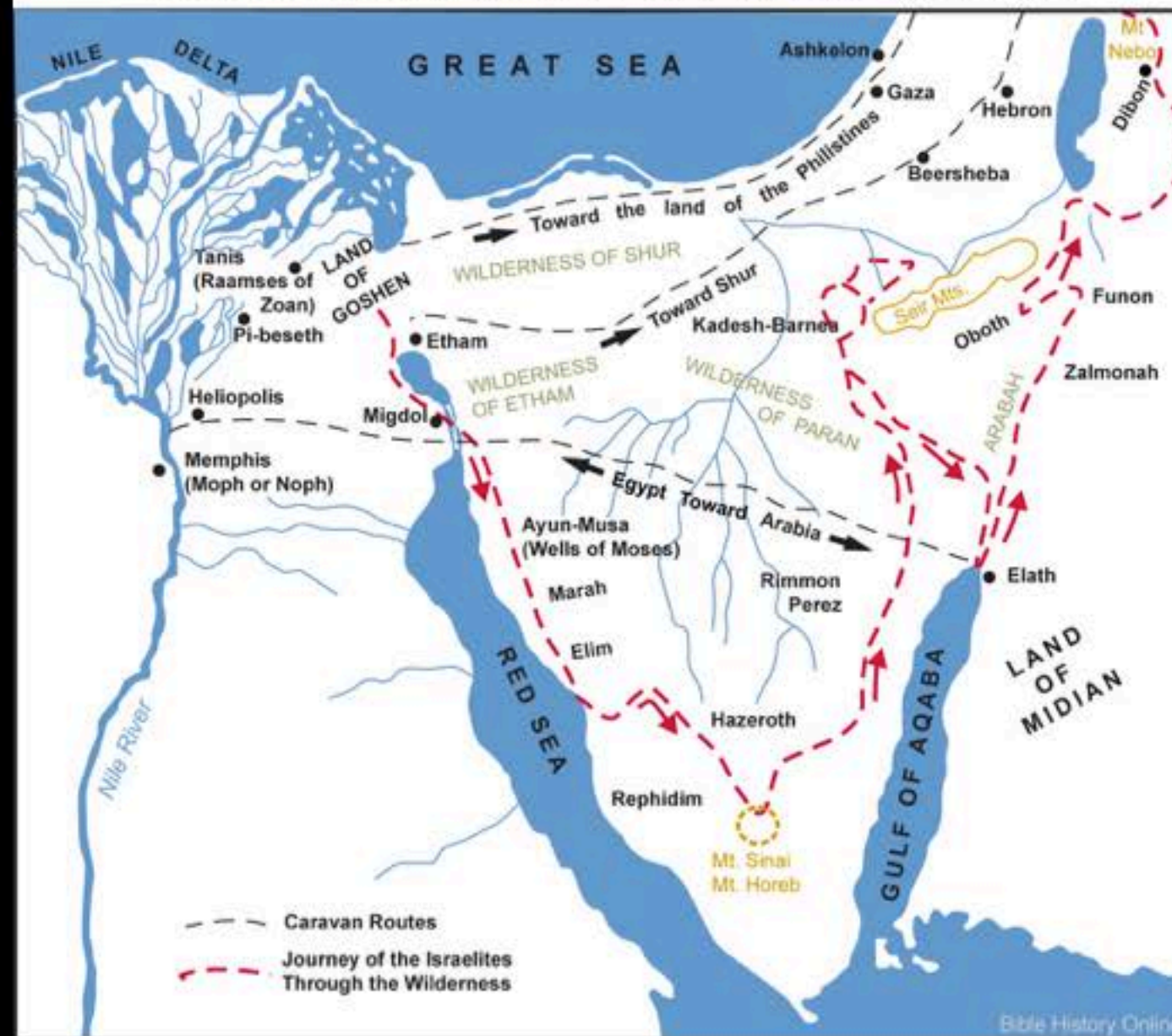
Following Jesus is a journey towards freedom.

THE ROAD TO FREEDOM RUNS THROUGH
THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 13:17-18

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them along the road to the land of the Philistines, even though it was nearby; for God said, "The people will change their minds and return to Egypt if they face war." 18 So He led the people around toward the Red Sea along the road of the wilderness.

ROUTE OF THE EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT



Exodus 14:10-12

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians coming after them. Then the Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord for help. 11 They said to Moses: "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you took us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Isn't this what we told you in Egypt: Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

The best wines have to be aged in cracked, old barrels. And so too the human soul, it mellows, takes on character, and comes to compassion only when there are real cracks, painful ones, in the body and life of the one who carries it. Our successes, he says, bring us glory, while our pain brings us character and compassion. Pain, and sometimes only pain, serves to mellow the soul.

- Ronald Rolheiser

THE WILDERNESS IS WHERE OUR FAITH IS
WORKED OUT

Philippians 2:12-13

Continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.

Four ways the wilderness we work out our
faith in the wilderness:

Redirect our Fears

Exodus 14:31

When Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and believed in Him and in His servant Moses

Rest in God (v.13-14)

Exodus 14:13-14

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be quiet/still."

Walk in the light (v.15, 29)

Exodus 14:15-16

The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the Israelites to break camp. 16 As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. 1

Exodus 14:29

But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

(Hebrews 11:1) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God.

1 John 1:5-8

Now this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in Him. 6 If we say, "We have fellowship with Him," yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Behold God's Glory (v.4, 18, 31)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome[a] it. (NIV)

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish. (MSG)

What would it look like for me and you to
become more free?