



Traditional Route of the Exodus

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Courage to Change – The Story of the Exodus

✓ The Israelites Recognized the Need for Change...

Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God. So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice of them.

- Exodus 2:23-25

...And Cried to God for Help!!



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Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

- Exodus 3:16-17

...And They Believed (4:31)



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“You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are lazy, therefore they cry out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

- Exodus 5:7-8

...but they no longer listened to Moses on account of their despondency and cruel bondage (6:6-9)



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- ✓ And Then Change Happened...

...And They Wanted to go Back!

“Would that we had died by the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” (16:3)

“Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” (17:3)

“Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” (Num. 14:2-3)



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- ✓ **Change Inherently Involves Risk**
 - ✓ Of failure/loss
 - ✓ Of diminished self-worth
 - ✓ Of diminished view others have of us
- ✓ **Change Inherently Involves the Unknown**
 - ✓ Hard to attain what we cannot imagine
 - ✓ Cannot foresee the journey or the destination
- ✓ **Change Inherently Involves Temptation**
 - ✓ To give up when challenges come
 - ✓ To go back to what is comfortable



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- ✓ **Spiritual Change Means Freedom**
 - ✓ God offered the Israelites freedom from physical slavery
 - ✓ God later offered them freedom from a physical law
 - ✓ God offers to us the ability to be free from the guilt of sin

