

Let the Journey Begin

a study in the book of Exodus

Preparing for a Victorious Journey - PART ONE

Lesson 1

Imagine yourself as one of the Israelites, enslaved to the ways and control of a people who do not have your best in mind. One day, news is declared that you can be set free. You receive the news with gladness and you set out to embark on the journey. The journey of the Israelites led them to the land of promise; the land promised by God that would be free of Egyptian bondage. As believers, our journey to heaven has many similarities and lessons. The promised land of Canaan does not represent heaven, but rather a land where God's people are free to live in His ways and experience His victories.

The goal of this study is to encourage the believer to travel in this life in all that God has equipped her with, resisting the pitfalls experienced by Israel as recorded in Exodus.

The first three lessons of this study are topical, encouraging us to examine that which personally hinders us in our life's journey. They are intended to bring us to the place of joyfully declaring, "Let the Journey Begin".

✚ In PART ONE we will bask in the wonders of the God who calls us to journey with Him. **The Provider for Our Journey**

✚ In PART TWO we will seek the LORD regarding that which keeps us from all He has for us. **The Need for Provision**

✚ In PART THREE we will examine our willingness to begin the journey unhindered. **Trading Our Stuff for His**

May you approach these lessons with a joyful expectation of our God whose desire for you is *a future and a hope* (Jeremiah 29:11). It is with a great love that He has invited you and has promised to travel with you all the way.

Watch the Video Blogs on the Names of God

1. Worshipping God for who He is can be one of the most powerful things we do before and during our journey. Earlier this year, I posted 34 videos on the names of God.

Go to: vimeo.com/showcase/6924914. Watch 3 videos of your choice and reflect on what you learned and how you have been encouraged by focusing on each name.

a. Name of God Hebrew name _____

English name _____

What did you learn?

How have you been encouraged?

b. Name of God Hebrew name _____

English name _____

What did you learn?

How have you been encouraged?

c. Name of God Hebrew name _____

English name _____

What did you learn?

How have you been encouraged?

2. List some other names of God that you have learned to appreciate.
3. What are the benefits of knowing and trusting God's character when you are tempted to trust in something or someone else?

God is our Provider/Supplier for the Journey:

1. Meditate on the following verses. Circle or underline words that indicate God's supply of your needs.

Jeremiah 31:3 *The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.*

Jeremiah 33:3 *'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*

Matthew 6:31-32 *Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

2 Corinthians 1:4 *who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

Romans 8:32 *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

2 Peter 1:3 *as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness...*

2. Honestly consider God's provision. In which of these do you find yourself doubting and thus, choosing to meet your need through personal efforts or choices?

