

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: September 4, 2022
Exodus 13:17-14:14

1. What have we been talking about in our last few Bible Studies in the book of Exodus?
 - a. We spent way too long talking about plagues.
 - b. We spent literally three weeks talking about a single plague.
 - c. We have been talking about God's deliverance, how he distinguished between Israel and Egypt by Israel's faith and obedience, how they were to tell their children the story of God's deliverance when they commemorated it year after year, and how the firstborn belonged to God because of his salvation and they redeemed the firstborn by the blood of a lamb and made it clear to their children why they did this and what God had done.

2. What is happening now, according to 13:17-18?
 - a. They are traveling out of Egypt.
 - b. God did not lead them on the road through Philistine country, though it was shorter. He thought the people might decide to go back to Egypt if they encountered attack (God knows our hearts and the future...perhaps this is some foreshadowing).
 - c. God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea...and the Israelites were ready for battle.

3. What do we learn in verse 13:19? _____

What does this tell us about the faith of Joseph? _____

Perhaps we should go back and read that story to encourage us in our faith. If you have not read this (or haven't in some time, review Genesis 37 and 39-50.

4. What do 13:20-22 tell us about God's guidance during this time?
 - a. God went ahead of them.
 - b. God came in a physical representation (a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night) in order for them to know His will and where He was leading them.
 - c. God never left his spot in front of them ready to lead His people.

5. What do we learn in 14:1-4?
 - a. Oh no, not this again.
 - b. God hardened Pharaoh's heart again and he came out to pursue them.
 - c. God was leading them in a strange way...a way that made it look like they were wandering around in confusion.
 - d. God still promised deliverance...and that it would be even more clear that God is in charge.

6. What happened, according to 14:5-12, when Pharaoh approached the Israelites?
 - a. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord.
 - b. The Israelites complained against Moses, blaming him for their impending death.
 - c. The Israelites clearly had not yet learned, themselves, that God is faithful even when the circumstances don't look good.

7. How did Moses respond in 14:13-14?
 - a. Moses told the Israelites not to be afraid.
 - b. Moses boldly told Israel to "Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today."
 - c. Moses told the people "The Egyptians you see today you will never see again."
 - d. Moses reminded the people that "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

8. Do we need to hear Moses's message today? _____
