

SERMON SERIES
EXODUS, PART 2:
“OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS”
“THE GOD WHO GUIDES”
Exodus 13:17-22
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I. The God who guides knows your weakness. (vv. 17-18)

Exodus 12 *“six hundred...”*

“God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines”

“Lest the people change their minds when they see war”

“led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea”

Exodus 12:37

Numbers 14:3-4

Psalms 103:14-16

“Sometimes what seems to us to be a hard road is God’s way of developing our faith.”

-Tim Chester

“Israel’s struggles were far from over. They were about to battle with their own self-love and the human desire for autonomy. They were headed to the desert.”

-Anthony Selvaggio

II. The God who guides builds your faith. (vv. 19)

“Moses took the bones of Joseph with him”

“God will surely visit you”

“carry up my bones with you”

Genesis 50:25

Hebrews 11:22

“Assuredly the faith of the departed Joseph, even in his dry bones, preached loudly to his descendants of the promised deliverance, lest they should grow careless from the long delay; ... to encourage their confidence.”

-John Calvin

III. The God who guides is ever-present. (vv. 20-22)

“the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the along the way”

“by night in a pillar of fire to give them light”

“did not depart from before the people”

Psalms 23:4; 78:14

Isaiah 42:16

Matthew 28:20

Hebrews 13:5

“We are being led by the Spirit every time he prompts us to say ‘no’ to temptation and ‘yes’ to Jesus. We are being led by the Spirit every time our hearts are set on our heavenly inheritance rather than earthly treasure.”

-Tim Chester

Digging Deeper:

1. When do you find it difficult to follow God?
2. What weaknesses has God addressed in your life?
3. How has God’s guidance built your faith
4. How does God guide us now?
5. What do you do when facing difficult decisions?