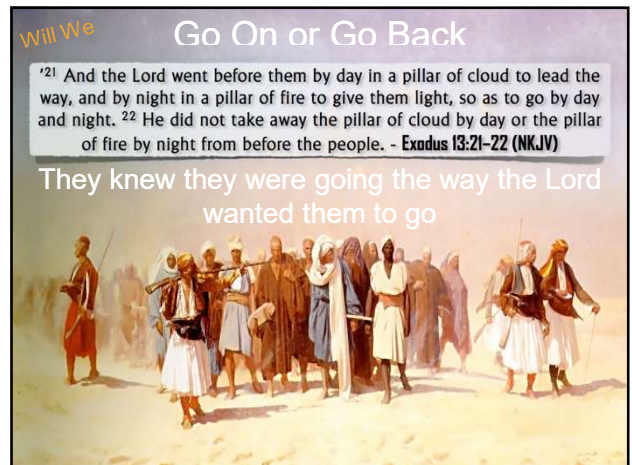
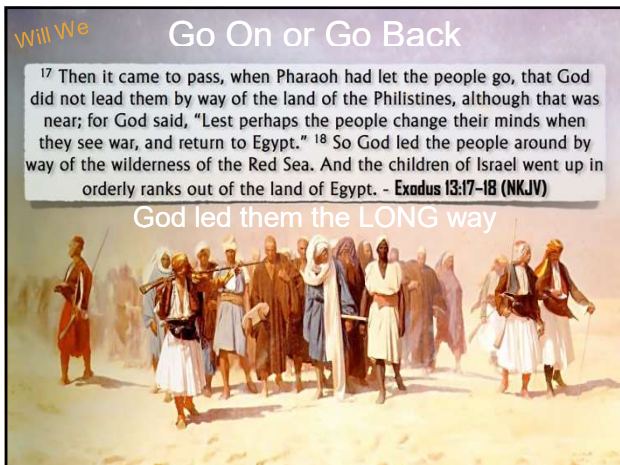
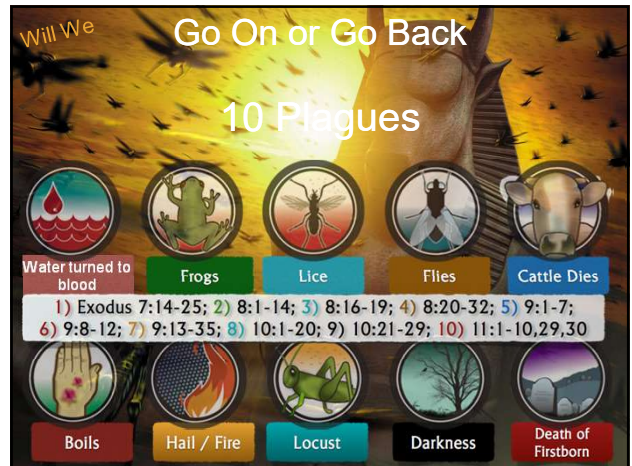




to get better. He saw it too many times. A team would win a championship or a player would have a great season and then they would think that all they had to do was step on the field and they would automatically achieve the same results the following year, not realizing that it was the hard work, passion, and the constant striving to improve that resulted in success. I heard the same thing from the best in education, business, health care, science, entertainment, and other fields. Each year the best recommit themselves to new goals and being better than they were the year before. "The fact is that past success does not determine future success. Future success is the result of how you work and prepare and practice and how you strive to improve every day. It's a commitment that the best of the best make every week, every day, every hour, and every moment. Force yourself to be uncomfortable, Martin. Let it



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<sup>10</sup> ... So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, 'Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

The Lord led them to a dead end – Ex. 14:1-4  
 Pharaoh's army closes in – Ex. 14:5-10  
 People afraid & complain – Ex. 14:11-12

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<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." - Exodus 14:13,14

The Lord Saved them that day

<sup>30</sup> So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.  
<sup>31</sup> Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses. - Exodus 14:30,31

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THEIR HUNGER . . . EX. 16


Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. ~~brought us out into the wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.~~

- They longed for their former life of plenty – Ex. 16:2-3
- The people complained against God
- The Lord provided – Ex. 16:4

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- Taskmasters that afflicted them. Lives that were bitter with hard bondage – all their service with rigor. Ex. 1:11-22
- Their newborn sons killed, or cast into the river.
- But they had FOOD: Cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic

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- Why would we long for our former life in sin? Many do – 1 Cor. 10:6-13
- The Christian's life is HARD & EASY – Lk. 9:23-26; Matt. 11:24-30

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- Are we content with God's provisions?
- Are we content with God's way?
- Are we content with God's promises?

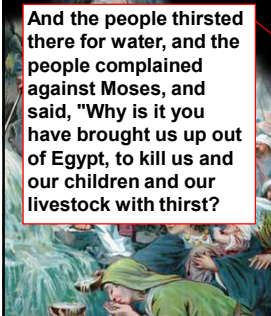
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### THEIR DOUBT . . . EX. 17:1-7

And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"



- They claimed that they had been delivered to die – **Ex. 17:3**
- Is the Lord among us or not? – **Ex. 17:7**

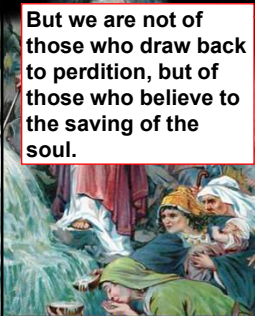
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But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.



- Those who stand for truth will suffer hardships – **Heb. 10:39**
- Do we doubt God's presence or support when things aren't going well? Are we tempted to quit?

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### THEIR LEADERS . . . NUM. 16; 13,14



- Korah's gainsaying, (Moses has failed!) divided the camp – **Num. 16:1-14**
- The next day the congregation complained even more – **Num. 16:41-49**

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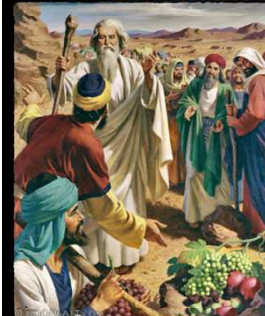
- We must respect those whom God gives authority
  - Elders – **Heb. 13:17**
  - Parents – **Eph. 6:1-2**
  - Government – **Rom 13:1-7**
- We must obey God rather than men - (**Acts 4:19; 5:29**) - BUT - To rebel is to rebel against God

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### THEIR LEADERS . . . NUM. 16; 13,14



- The evil report - We CAN'T! – **Num. 13:31**
- People accepted the evil report and rejected good leadership – **Num. 14:1-10**
- God's judgment! – **Num. 14:22-30**

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• The church has always had trouble on the inside

- Judaizers – Gal. 5:12-15
- Gnostics – 1 Jn. 4:1-6
- Compromisers – Rev. 2:14
- Permissive – 1 Cor. 5:1-7
- Divisive – Rom. 16:16,18

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<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 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. - John 3:14-16 (NKJV)



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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13

