

Objective: to reveal the 'terrain of transition' and how to negotiate it safely to the other side.

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Crossing Over

Ex. 14:1-9

Principle of God – the **process** is more important than the **provision**.
God led Israel to camp in the following location:

Baal-Zephon – a city where a temple was built for the demon, Baal-Zephon, the Lord of the North, a storm god; a place of worship; demonic worship

Migdol – a city that was part of the mountain range that blocked them connected to the Bitter Lakes that contained a tower to observe all that passed

Pi-Hahiroth – meaning “mouth of water” – a piece of land adjoining the Sea that looked like a great swallowing mouth

Eltham – meaning “shut in” -- confined and imprisoned in circumstances...facing a Red Sea that was 205 metres deep (Ex. 13:20)

A place of:

- Demonic evil oppression – a reminder of the slavery they had left – Egypt was the place they lived that extracted their very lives through the oppression of economic slavery – how

appropriate that they have a reminder of the 'life they were to leave' to find a 'place of rest' and blessing in their work life

- Connected with bitterness – anger, resentment and sometimes even hate over disappointment at having been treated unfairly
- A place of confinement, restriction, limitation, blockage, shortage, barrenness, confusion,

God led them to this *location* to bring them an even greater deliverance. We all want *circumstantial deliverance*, but **internal freedom and growth** are much greater and more long-lasting than circumstantial deliverance. We were meant to have both.

Application:

- Decide today that you are finished with economic slavery. Some have developed such an 'appetite' for economic slavery they simply believe, "everyone is in the same 'rat race' so I might as well 'put my head down' and get on with working my guts out to 'make a living' and surrender the life I am to live because, 'that's just the only way to get ahead.' – pay my bills, buy a home, send my kids to university, and have a good retirement.
- Ask God to cleanse you in your spirit from all submission to the 'demon of economic slavery.' 2 Cor. 7:1. You wouldn't knowingly or consciously submit to an evil spirit but ignorantly allow it to take over your thought life, decision-making and lifestyle.
- Begin to seek God for the kind of employment that will allow you 'the good life' that He intended...time for Him, time for your family, time for His Church family, time for reaching the lost, and

time for ministry or the *life-assignment* you have been given by Him.

- Put your faith into action by tithing, offerings, sowing, and giving generously – effectively stabbing to death the spirit of fear, doubt, and oppression. Shatter the ‘shortage’ thinking by your generous giving. Your spiritual inheritance begins here. Luke 16:11 says, “So if you have not been **trustworthy** in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” Stop “tipping” God occasionally and begin to consistently **tithe** and then move on to offerings and ‘sowing.’ 2 Cor. 9:8-12.
- Forgive **everyone** in your entire life that has ever wounded, betrayed, abused, disappointed, slandered, falsely accused, maligned, mis-treated and hurt you. Matt. 6:14-15 says, “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:30-32-5:2. Stamp out the ‘spirit of suspicion and evil speculation.’
- Establish your **heart**, your **mouth**, and your **actions** in faith. 2 Cor. 5:7. Plant the promises, speak the promises, and root out all negativity. Declare boldly, “I am crossing over (in any and all circumstances) to the other side!”

Summary

Certainly, the significance of these places is larger than we have examined today. Whatever other places of oppression, demonic harassment, limitation, or unforgiveness there may be, don’t neglect to deal with them. Don’t end up ‘wandering in the wilderness’ in some area of your life.