



## “HOW GOD LEADS”

Series: “SO MUCH MORE”, Part 8 of 10 - Latham Campus

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### **Both the Ipuwer Papyrus (13 th century BC) & the Exodus record:**

A river being turned to blood and becoming undrinkable (Ex. 7:18,20)

Pestilence and blood throughout the land (Ex. 7:19, 9:15))

Fire in the land (Ex. 9:23-24)

The destruction of crops (Ex. 9:31)

Darkness in the land (Ex. 10:22)

The children of all men (including royalty) being buried (Ex. 12:29-30)

Maidservants and those in poverty becoming wealthy (Ex.11:2&12:35-36)

Exodus 12:31-36, “During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested.

32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The Lord had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.”

Exodus 13:17, “When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.”

### **I. Most of the time, God leads us by natural means**

Exodus 23:28-29, “I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you.”

Luke 8:51-55, “When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. Meanwhile, all the

people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.” They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.”

**Exodus 13:20**, “After leaving Sukkoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert...” **Exodus 14:1-2b**, “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp... between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon.” **Exodus 14:3**, “Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’”

## II. Sometimes, God leads us by unnatural means

Acts 5:17-21a, “Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.” At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people...”

Isaiah 55:8-9, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight”

**Exodus 14:5**, “When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” **Exodus 14:10**, “As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord” **Exodus 14:15-16**, “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground **Exodus 14:22**, “and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left” **Exodus 14:26-28**, “Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” Moses stretched

out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.”

### III. From time to time, God leads us by supernatural means

Exodus 14:4, “And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.”

Exodus 14:18, “The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

Exodus 9:16, “But I have raised you up [a] for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

**Joshua 2:9a-10a**, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea or you when you came out of Egypt.” **Joshua 2:11**, “When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.