

THE ROUTE WE'D NEVER CHOOSE
Exodus 13:17-14:14 // March 30, 2025 AM

I. Yahweh leads on an *extended* route to *prevent* a fight (13:17-22).

II. Yahweh leads on an *exposed* route to *promote* a fight (14:1-14).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why didn't God lead Israel on the quickest route from Egypt to Canaan?
2. What did Moses carry with him out of Egypt? Why?
3. Why did God tell Israel to make a U-turn when they were so close to the boarder of Egypt?
4. What caused Israel to fear? What did they need to do to be delivered from their fear? What does this story teach us about our own fears and anxieties?
5. What is complaining? How do we see it in Israel? Why is it such a serious sin? If it is so serious, why do we tend to treat it so lightly?
6. Who is the director, script writer, and lead actor in Israel's story? Where do we see Him carrying out each role in this account? What does this teach us about our own lives?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Consider the history of redemption recorded in the Bible. How does the unfolding of God's saving promise help me to think about efficiency and effectiveness?
2. How is the cross of Christ the ultimate demonstration of God's ways being higher than ours? How does it encourage me to rest in His faithfulness even when I can't understand why He is leading me as He is?
3. How might I use this biblical account and this sermon to encourage a suffering believer or to evangelize a suffering unbeliever?